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## FOREWORD

The publication of Volume XI of *Records of the Moravians in North Carolina* is the culmination of a project begun forty-six years ago when Volume I of the series was published. The first seven volumes were edited by Adelaide L. Fries, who also began working on the eighth volume prior to her death; the eighth was completed by the late Douglas L. Rights and the ninth was edited by the late Minnie J. Smith. Both the Moravian Archives and the State Department of Archives and History have been fortunate in that each editor has been exceptionally well qualified to translate the original records from German and to edit the documents with great competence. Bishop Kenneth G. Hamilton, editor of Volumes X and XI, has carried on the tradition of skill as he has brought the project to a close.

The State Department of Archives and History wishes to acknowledge with appreciation the grants from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation which made possible the continuation of the series with the publication of the last three volumes. Through the generosity of the Wachovia Historical Society of Winston-Salem the department recently has been able to reprint the first four volumes which have long been out of print. Tentative plans have been made to reprint Volumes V, VI, and VII, also out of print; if these plans materialize, the complete series will be available.

Records covering the years 1752 through 1879 provide insight into the life of the Moravian community; the completeness of the records kept by the Moravians is perhaps unique in that the scribes consistently recorded minute details relating to everyday life and, at the same time, included comments on facts significant in North Carolina history.

Miss Brenda M. Smith, editorial assistant on the staff of the Division of Publications of the State Department of Archives and History, saw the book through the press and prepared the index. Illustrations were provided by the Moravian Archives.

Memory F. Mitchell

*Historical Publications Editor*

December 1, 1968



## PREFACE

It is a real satisfaction for many individuals that the series of volumes entitled *Records of the Moravians in North Carolina* can be completed with this book. Dr. Adelaide L. Fries began work upon this project at least as early as the summer of 1915. Quite a number of others too have shared in this effort to make these records available to the reading public.

Volume XI brings the translation to the year 1856, inclusive, after which most of the Moravian records in North Carolina were kept in English and can therefore be used by students who are unfamiliar with German. The one major exception is the minutes of the administrative board of the southern district of the American Province of the Moravian Church—known officially from 1899 on as the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America. Extracts of these minutes have been translated. In 1879 they too began to be kept in English. Similarly, the minutes of the Aeltesten Conferenz were recorded in German until the latter part of 1858.

For the convenience of the reader, the pertinent parts of the glossary published in Volume X reappear in Volume XI.

Again the editor acknowledges his debt to the late Dr. Minnie J. Smith, who had completed a first draft of the translation of many of the records for the years 1852 to 1856, inclusive. This material has been freely drawn upon in the present volume. The editor's gratitude is also due to many others who have assisted and encouraged him in his task, particularly Mrs. John L. Eggleston, Provincial Archivist; Miss Grace L. Siewers, Provincial Archivist Emeritus; and Mrs. Elmer L. Frye, member of the Archives' staff. The Archives Committee has been unfailing in its support of this entire project: Mr. Charles N. Siewers, the Rt. Rev. W. Herbert Spaugh, the Rev. Herbert Weber, Mr. James A. Gray, Mrs. Robert A. McCuiston, and Miss Grace L. Siewers.

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## MINISTERS WHO SERVED IN THE SOUTHERN PROVINCE DURING THE YEARS 1852-1876

(Diaries and Memorabilia for each congregation were prepared by the respective pastors.)

### Bishops of the Unity who served in the Southern Province

John Gottlieb Herman (consecrated in 1846), came to Salem . . . . .	1849
died . . . . .	1854
George F. Bahnsen (consecrated in 1860), died . . . . .	1869
Emil A. de Schweinitz (consecrated in 1874), died . . . . .	1879

### Members of the Provincial Helpers' Conference prior to February, 1858, and of the Provincial Elders' Conference from March, 1858, on

John G. Herman, President, . . . . .	1849-1854
George F. Bahnsen, President from 1858 . . . . .	1849-1869
Emil A. de Schweinitz, President from 1869 . . . . .	1858-1879
Levin T. Reichel, President . . . . .	1854-1858
Robert de Schweinitz . . . . .	1858-1865
C. Lewis Rights, President from 1880 . . . . .	1865-1890
Samuel Thomas Pfohl . . . . .	1869-1873
Maximilian Eugene Grunert . . . . .	1874-1877

### Ministers of the Salem Congregation

George F. Bahnsen . . . . .	1849-1858,
Francis R. Holland . . . . .	1858-1863
Albert Oerter, assistant from 1866 . . . . .	1870-1877

### Ministers who served the St. Philips Congregation (or the Negro Parish)

Gottlieb Byhan . . . . .	1841-1853
Jacob F. Siewers, assistant . . . . .	1851
John A. Friebel . . . . .	1853-1857
George F. Bahnsen . . . . .	1857-1859
Maximilian E. Grunert, assistant . . . . .	1857-1859
Francis R. Holland . . . . .	1859-1863
Maximilian E. Grunert . . . . .	1863-1866
Albert Oerter . . . . .	1866-1870

### Ministers of the Bethabara Congregation

Lawrence F. Oerter . . . . .	1849-1854
Maximilian E. Grunert . . . . .	1854-1857
Jacob F. Siewers . . . . .	1857-1865
Christian Lewis Rights . . . . .	1865-1873
Eugene P. Greider . . . . .	1873-1875
J. Benjamin Lineback . . . . .	1875-1877

### Ministers of the Bethania Congregation

Maximilian E. Grunert . . . . .	1851-1857
Jacob F. Siewers . . . . .	1857-1865
Christian Lewis Rights . . . . .	1865-1873
Eugene P. Greider . . . . .	1873-1877

### Ministers of the Friedberg Congregation

Francis F. Hagen . . . . .	1851-1854
Christian Lewis Rights . . . . .	1854-1865

Robert Parmenio Leinbach .....	1865-1872
Adolf Lichtenhaeler .....	1872-1873
David Zeisberger Smith .....	1873-1877
<b>Ministers of the Friedland Congregation</b>	
Christian Lewis Rights .....	1846-1854
Served by ministers from Salem .....	1854-1856
John Chapman Cooke .....	1856-1859
Thomas Frye .....	1859
Robert Parmenio Leinbach .....	1859-1865
Henry Cooper .....	1865-1868
John A. Friebele .....	1868-1870
Isaac Prince .....	1870-1872
Christian Lewis Rights .....	1873-1879
<b>Ministers of the Hope Congregation</b>	
Served from Friedberg .....	1852-1865
Served from Friedland .....	1865-1868
Served from Friedberg .....	1869-1877
<b>Ministers of the New Philadelphia Congregation</b>	
Jacob F. Siewers .....	1851-1854
Christian Lewis Rights .....	1854
Served from Salem .....	1854-1858
Thomas Frye .....	1858-1864
Emil A. de Schweinitz .....	1864-1873
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<b>Ministers of the Macedonia Congregation</b>	
Served from Friedberg .....	1854-1860
Thomas Frye .....	1860-1861
Robert Parmenio Leinbach .....	1861-1871
Adolf Lichtenhaeler .....	1872-1877
<b>Ministers of the Kernersville Congregation</b>	
Served from Friedland .....	1867-1870
Isaac Prince .....	1870-1872
Christian Lewis Rights .....	1873-1889
<b>Ministers of the Mount Bethel Congregation</b>	
<i>Note:</i> As early as 1833 the mountain districts in Grayson and Patrick counties, Virginia, had been visited by Van Neman Zevely. Following the Preparatory Provincial Conference of 1835, the United Brethren's Home Missionary Society of North Carolina carried on evangelistic work in the area, providing it with stated visits. In 1851 a number of persons were baptized or confirmed; these elected a church committee. In 1851 a church building was erected by the Moravians. Thereafter the congregation was served by the following brethren:	
Jacob F. Siewers .....	1853-1857
John A. Friebele .....	1857-1868
Served by various visiting brethren .....	1868-1870
John Benjamin Lineback, as resident pastor until 1875 .....	1870-1877

The following records are available in English and have not been included in this volume:

- Salem Memorabilia for 1855 and 1856
- Salem Personalia for 1854, 1855, and 1856
- St. Philip's Diary for 1856

**Bethabara Memorabilia for 1856**

**Bethabara Diary for 1852, 1853, and 1854 (January to July)**

**Bethabara Committee Minutes for 1856**

**Bethania Memorabilia for 1853, 1854, 1855, and 1856**

**Bethania Personalia for 1853, 1854, 1855, and 1856**

**Friedberg Diary for 1856 (including Hope and Muddy Creek)**

**Friedland Diary for 1854 (January to July) and 1856 (June to December)**

**Friedland Committee for 1853 and 1854**

**Hope Memorabilia for 1852, 1853, 1854, and 1855**

Similarly, parts of the Friedland Committee Minutes for 1852 and of the Friedberg Diary for 1854 are in English.



[As every year does, that of 1852 brought both the beginning of significant trends and the end of others. In distant Australia the University of Sydney was founded. Count Cavour became the Prime Minister of Sardinia, which development was ultimately to bring about a united Italy. In France Napoleon III proclaimed the Second Empire. In England death took the Duke of Wellington; in the United States it claimed Henry Clay.

Henry Giffard built and successfully tested the first steam-driven dirigible balloon, and Isaac M. Singer patented his sewing machine. In recognition of the growing importance of the Far West, a branch of the mint was established in San Francisco. William Makepeace Thackery paid his first visit to America; Susan Anthony began her life-long fight for woman suffrage; Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* came from the press.

The election of Franklin Pierce as the fourteenth President of the United States effectively brought the power of the Whig party to an end.

In North Carolina Thomas Ruffin resigned as chief justice, having held this post with distinction for almost twenty years. The legislature defeated a bill which provided for free suffrage throughout the state. It created the office of superintendent of common schools and chose Calvin Henderson Wiley as the first man to fill it.]

*Minutes of the Wachovia Provinzial Helper Conferenz in Salem  
For the Year 1852*

[Extracts translated.]

*Feb. 6.*

3. A letter dated December 16 has been received from Br. J. A. Friebele together with the Woodstock-Mills diary of September 14 to December 14. The letter brought the information that the wife of Alfred, the first convert—named Judy—is at present receiving the usual instruction preparatory to her baptism.

6. Two letters have been received from our missionaries among the Cherokees. —The latter [from G. Bischof, dated December 8] reports the home going of the Cherokee girl Mary Elisab. Sanders, who had for a considerable time been a member of the mission family; also the birth of a little son to Br. and Sr. Bischof.

7. A letter from Br. Miles Vogler from Bethel on St. Kitts received yesterday, the 5th of this month, dated January 13, brought the information that he had accepted the call to service in the mission among the Cherokees (see the minutes of November 7, paragraph 3). He hopes to be able to arrive here in April or May.

8. In a letter from Br. Peter Wolle in Litiz to Br. Herman, written in the name of the Aelt. Confz. of that place, the somewhat straitened circumstances of the Widowed Sr. Salome Huebener in regard to her subsistence were described, this particularly in view of her having also to take care of two of her daughters. The P.H.C. of this place, taking in account certain advantages which retired brethren and sisters *in some cases* enjoy in the Wachovia district, was requested to consider whether Sr. Huebener could not be given an additional grant from our Sustent. Diac. to increase the annual pension of \$50.00 which she has received thus far.

The advantages referred to, which are enjoyed in some cases, consist of free lodging and firewood, which is very cheap here. Sr. Huebener has been denied them because she by her own choice moved to Litiz with her family; under no circumstances could she be compensated for them on the scale prevailing in Pennsylvania. Though on the one hand the said sister has experienced some disadvantage in this respect due to her change of residence, yet this is true in a much greater degree of the Sust. Diac. of this place. In addition to the not inconsiderable travel outlays for Sr. Huebener and her family, it has had to pay an annual stipend of \$120 for her daughter Johanna since the latter entered the Litiz Girls' Boarding School; this exceeds by about \$70.00 a year the costs of educating this girl had she stayed here in Salem. —Under these circumstances the local P.H.C. cannot agree to any additional support for Sr. Huebener other than raising her annual pension from \$50.00 to \$60.00, by which she will in *this* respect be placed on equality with the local widows who receive the highest pension. —In this connection our P.H.C. cannot avoid drawing attention again to the justice of having the stipend which is required for the girl Johanna Huebener reduced, particularly because with one single exception the costs of educating the children of Br. and Sr. Huebener have fallen upon the Sustent. Diac. of *this place*, though this brother and sister spent a considerable part of their

time in the northern district while in the service. This has not been easy for it. —Finally, it should be noted that in the opinion of the P.H.C. of this place, the matter of the *youngest* daughter (Mary) of Sr. Huebener's entering the Litiz Girls' Boarding School is not to be taken for granted, but could be allowed only after prior consent had been secured from the former.

9. Br. C. Lewis Rights (Reuz) desires to be informed regarding the views and wishes of the P.H.C. as to how he should carry out the home mission work with which he has been charged in the area, so as to be able to conform thereto.—Br. Reuz is to be advised to consider Waughtown, Kernesville, and the poor house as his *regular preaching places* and to serve them. In addition, he should seek to further the welfare of souls by means of frequent *house visits* in the area.

*Feb. 10. Br. Al. Welfare present.*

The P.H.C. had an interview with Br. Alanson Welfare concerning his past service in the Cherokee mission, namely at New Springplace. His statements showed that he was willing to continue in mission service, but that the state of his health would not allow him to be in charge of the school. Further consideration as to how he could be employed brought out that it would be very desirable to have *more* visiting done among the Indians living in the area of New Springplace and generally to have *more attention paid to the true mission work* than Br. Bischof's many duties have permitted hitherto. To this end a suitable division of all the spiritual and temporal work at said station between the Brn. Bischof and Welfare should be helpful, in such a way namely that the former would devote himself chiefly to the *inner or spiritual* work, the latter to the *temporal*, including the charge of the smithy. Since it would further be desirable to have divine services held at the outstations on *Sundays*, rather than on *weekdays* as hitherto, when only few are accustomed to attend, Br. Alans. Welfare would have to assist Br. Bischof in this. In this way it was thought that the former would be adequately employed for the benefit of the mission.

The care of the school at New Springplace would thus require the employment of an additional suitable single brother, if such could be found. For this the Single Br. Samuel Warner

of this place has already been considered (see the minutes of August 5, 1851, paragraph 4). Perhaps he should now be thought of again.

As regards Br. Al. Welfare's personal status, which in the past has been that of a missionary *assistant* called *without consultation of the lot*, he was reminded that if he were to be formally employed as a *full* missionary and would perhaps wish to be *married*, this would require the approval \* [of the lot].<sup>1</sup>

Thereupon Br. Welfare stated that since his health had noticeably improved, he did indeed desire to be married. Thus, if, following more careful consideration of the matter, no misgivings should counter it, the will of the Lord is to be sought \* [through the lot] regarding the employment of Br. Welfare as a full missionary. —In case of this being approved, steps should be taken for his marriage and ordination. Otherwise, Br. Welfare would return to his post as a *single* man. Then, should he desire this, the \* [lot] could be consulted again, perhaps in a year's time. —Br. Welfare indicated his agreement with such a procedure, and in general showed himself submissive to the will of the Saviour.

*Feb. 27.*

2. A letter from Br. Edwin Senseman, dated January 20, which arrived here on the 17th of this month, brought information of the safe arrival finally of Br. and Sr. Senseman in New Salem after a very hard journey due to the severe cold, and also of their installation on January 11. According to a letter, dated February 5, that came later from Br. Martin Hauser, they had moved into the parsonage on January 31, it having been vacated by Br. and Sr. Hauser the day before. Because of various unfavorable circumstances, particularly forced stops for a number of days at various places, the travel outlays considerably exceeded what we anticipated. The longest stop took place at Mount Carmel and was caused by the serious illness of the domestic (Angelina Ernst), who had been taken along from here to help on the journey. Since in the opinion of Br. Senseman

<sup>1</sup>In decision-making, the Moravians often consulted the will of the Lord by means of the lot, or negative or affirmative questions submitted in His name. Referring to this process in their records, the Moravians used a symbol closely resembling an asterisk, which is used here and throughout the book, accompanied by a parenthetical explanation.

this illness had resulted from the severe cold, he applies for reimbursement of the expense of medical care of the patient.

Even though it seemed to the P.H.C. that enough had already been done on our part in agreeing to pay the travel cost of said person, we felt we could not very well avoid this unexpected outlay and agreed therefore, though unwillingly, to grant Br. Senseman's request.

4. The P.H.C. then took up the consideration of what steps should be taken in regard to the further service of Br. Alanson Welfare in the Cherokee mission (see the minutes of February 10). It developed that this brother, should his appointment as *full* missionary be approved \* [by the lot], would propose as his helpmeet the Single Sr. Harriet Hege, who belongs to the Friedberg congregation. Though this sister is still very young, only 18 years old, yet in view of her good reputation as to character and walk we did not wish to object absolutely to this proposal. Since furthermore we felt led to seek to know the Lord's will \* [through the lot] regarding the main question, we committed the matter to Him and were apprised: "The Saviour approves our proposing that Br. Alanson Welfare enter mission service *at this time.*" Br. Welfare will consequently have to submit his proposal of marriage to the parents of said sister. Should they agree, the proposal would have the approval of our P.H.C.

5. The Single Br. Samuel Warner (see the minutes of February 10) has stated, when questioned in a private interview with his Chor-Pfleger, that he would be willing to serve as a *school teacher* in the mission among the Cherokees, but that he would not be able to leave his present position before June.

In the name of our conference, therefore, Br. Herman will propose to said brother without delay that he serve as school teacher at New Springplace to begin with.

### March 9.

3. A letter of Br. Edwin Senseman's, dated February 14 and received on March 2, contains a number of items for discussion concerning the work in and around New Salem:

a. First of all, the question is submitted to us as to *what the future position of Br. Martin Hauser is to be?* —In reply to this, reference can be made to what our P.H.C. had already stated when Br. Senseman was sent away (see the minutes of November 28, 1851, paragraph 1), that Br. Mart. Hauser by

his own choice is to be regarded in future as *home missionary in that region under the direction of the P.H.C. of this place* and to be active in this capacity.

b. Then a request is made to have *his field of labor designated more accurately*, and in this connection the idea is suggested whether it might not be desirable to take care of our members who have emigrated to Iowa by his visiting them from time to time. The question is also raised whether Br. Hauser should attempt *to gather and establish little congregations* in a manner similar to the way it has been done in the mountain district of Virginia.

*Br. Hauser's field of labor* is already determined by his evangelistic activity up to the present. It will include the surrounding region in the state of Illinois, about as far as Evansville in neighboring Indiana. To take care of the members living in Iowa would be neither necessary nor proper since they fall under the direction of the Pennsylvania P.H.C. (see the minutes of March 28, 1851, paragraph 2.)

Should those souls already connected with us in the vicinity of New Salem, particularly in Olney, Albion, Fox Prairie, and Evansville, *wish to be served regularly with the Word and Sacrament*, the P.H.C. would have no objection.

c. Regarding the future *support of Br. Martin Hauser*, it was decided to let him continue to receive an annual grant of \$100 from the Sustent. Diac. of this place. In this connection it is hoped that the local Home Mission Society will be willing to contribute about \$25.00 of this.

d. As to a *school for New Salem*, the establishment of which on a desirable footing is constantly felt to be an urgent need, the Brn. Senseman and Hauser submit the following plan to the P.H.C. for adoption or rejection:

They propose to acquire by purchase the lots reserved for a boarding school at New Salem and erect a suitable building on them at their *own expense*. In the school, which Br. Senseman himself would conduct with such help as might prove necessary in the course of time, they would plan to admit the children of *non-Moravian parents*. These could have board and lodging at Br. Hauser's. *Children of the congregation* would be allowed to attend school under conditions similar to those here in Salem.

In giving this plan careful consideration various misgivings were voiced. In particular it was feared Br. Senseman could

not take charge of the school and still do full justice to his duties as pastor of the congregation. Nevertheless, the P.H.C. did not consider itself able absolutely to oppose the carrying out of this well-intentioned plan. But it could give its approval only *under the following 3 conditions:* 1. That the planned school should be a *congregational* school, to which the children of the members would always have admittance; 2. that Br. Senseman's taking charge of the school should not stand in the way of his faithful and conscientious attention to his duties as pastor of the congregation; and 3. that the *whole risk* connected with the establishment of the school would rest entirely with *those who undertook it*, because *we* can have no part in any way in the matter, now or in the future.

4. The Single Br. Samuel Warner has indicated his willingness to serve the Cherokee mission as a schoolteacher (see the minutes of February 27, paragraph 5).

5. The parents of the Single Sr. Harriet Hege (see the minutes of February 27, paragraph 4) are *not* led to give their consent to her marriage with the Single Br. Alanson Welfare.

6. Since the young Cherokee brother Archibald Henry, who is visiting here, has not been able up to the present to support himself completely by the work of his hands, therefore Br. and Sr. Tim. Vogler should be recompensed for his board by the Un. Miss. Diac. in view of the fact that he is attempting to prepare himself for service in the Cherokee mission, at the outset as interpreter.

#### *April 12.*

2. With the consent of the P.H.C. the Single Sr. Julia Ann Eliza Rothhaas of this place has received a proposal to be united in marriage with Br. Alanson Welfare and thus to enter mission service, and she has accepted it. They hardly expect to be able to start out on their journey to New Springplace for four weeks. They plan to make it in a private vehicle, which will be acquired here for this purpose, together with a horse. It is hoped that both could be sold without loss when the journey is over, or, if this should be considered necessary, kept for the use of the mission.

3. A communication from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated February 28 and received on March 25, contains the information that Br. and Sr. Jacob Siewers had been proposed for

mission service in St. Kitts and Jamaica, but again had failed to be approved by the lot.

5. From Br. G. Bischof, two letters have been received, namely that dated January 30 on March 17, and that dated March 1 on April 6; also the continuation of the diary of New Springplace to October 12, 1851. —We learned with sorrow from the former communication that smallpox was raging in the area and had approached to within a few miles of that mission station. —The latter communication contained various items for consideration, some of which, however, had already been discussed by us and attended to (see the minutes of February 10). In view of the call of a second couple, Br. and Sr. Miles Vogler, to Canaan, it will be necessary, according to Br. G. Bischof's letter of March 1, to plan at once to build a dwelling for them, since the present mission house consists of only *two rooms*. It is proposed not to put up an addition to the old house, but a *separate* one near it. The P.H.C. approves this building and advises our missionaries to begin the undertaking so soon as possible.

Further, Br. Bischof requests *permission to hand over the chairmanship of the mission conference* to Br. Miles Vogler, as being an older and more experienced missionary. Though the P.H.C., in recognition of Br. Bischof's faithfulness and his interest, would not have requested this of him, yet it is agreeable to *Br. Miles Vogler's presiding in the general mission conference*; but it considers it desirable to have *Br. Gilbert Bischof remain the Vorsteher of our Cherokee mission*.

Br. Bischof expresses himself as entirely agreeable to the marriage of Br. Alanson Welfare and notes that accommodations can easily be arranged in the mission house at New Springplace for the residence of two couples of brethren and sisters.

6. From Br. Jacob Mack also a letter has been received, dated March 5, together with the diary of Canaan to the end of January. Because of the dilapidated condition of the church at this station, the Sunday meetings had to be held at Mount Zion during the winter. —Br. Mack appears to be pleased at the help it is planned for him to receive through the call of Br. and Sr. Miles Vogler.

7. A communication, dated April 5, has been sent in the name of the Pennsylvania P.H.C. to the one at this place by Br. P. H. Goepp in Br. Jacobson's absence on an official visit. It contains the tentative question whether we would be agreeable to their

calling Br. Franz Hagen at Friedberg, with or without consulting the lot, to fill the post of pastor at Hope, Indiana, which became vacant by Br. Bachman's being called away, provided Br. H. G. Clauder on Staten Island, who has already been designated as the pastor of Hope, should decline the call, as they apprehend will be the case. As reasons for this inquiry they list on the one hand the desire of the Pennsylvania P.H.C. to fill the post at Hope with a brother who already has experience in the service; on the other, Br. Clauder's wish for reappointment in the Wachovia district rather than in the West. —The last-named brother would then be made available to us as a replacement for Br. Hagen.

Since Br. Hagen *only recently* has taken over the service of the congregation at Friedberg and Hope and it appears that he is being blessed in his activity, our P.H.C. could hardly agree to another move, except in case of an emergency. Since quite apart from this Br. Clauder, who has reached quite an advanced age, would in our judgment *not be an equivalent* for our Br. Hagen, who still is lively and active, the P.H.C. could not agree to the proposal made us by the Pennsylvania P.H.C. simply for the sake of the welfare of our congregations in these parts. But no embarrassment can result from this for the latter board, since, as we have learned through unofficial but trustworthy channels, Br. Clauder was designated as pastor for the congregation at Hope, Indiana, by a *special* lot and thus it becomes the duty of the Pennsylvania P.H.C. "*to insist that the decision of the lot in question be followed implicitly.*" (See the *Results of the Synod* of 1848, paragraph 17.)

*June 14.*

2. Since our last meeting three letters have been received from our correspondent on the U.A.C. We learned from that dated April 25 that the steps we had taken to strengthen the mission staff employed among the Cherokees had the approval of the U.A.C., specifically the call of the Brn. Al. Welfare and Samuel Warner and the marriage of the former.

With the letter dated May 8 two circulars, dated the 6th, were received from the U.A.C. for the provincial helpers' and the elders' conferences of the Moravian church. They contained the information that the venerable Br. Samuel Christlieb Reichel had been led to resign his post as a member of the U.A.C. in the

Vorsteher Department [Department of Finance] due to the infirmities of age, also a request that the respective conferences would send in their nominations for filling the same in conformity with the method prescribed by synod. Consequently, a special session of the P.H.C. was held on June 9, as had already been done in the case of the two other Wachovia conferences, in which it agreed upon the following 3 nominations to fill the vacant post: namely, Br. Carl Friedr. Kluge of Salem, Br. Philip H. Goepp of Bethlehem, and Br. Eugen A. Frueauff of Litiz.

3. A letter of Br. Jacobsen's, dated April 27, contained the information that the young Single Br. Parmenio Leinbach, who went to Bethlehem from here a few years ago to study in the seminary, had lately been appointed a teacher in Nazareth Hall. This was done in spite of an *earlier* offer which he had received from the school committee of this place to serve as a teacher in the Town School for Little Boys, an offer which had the support of the Aelt. Confz. Since furthermore *all* of the seminary students whose course was completed this year have been placed in Nazareth Hall, the P.H.C. considers itself obliged to register its objection to this procedure and its complaint that in placing said young brethren no consideration at all was given to our local needs, though the seminary, which has again been moved to Nazareth, has the acknowledged purpose of preparing young brethren for service in the *southern* district as well as in the *northern* district of our American Unity province.

7. Br. and Sr. Eugen Hartvig, who have been employed in mission service in the West Indies up till now, arrived on the 10th of this month in Salem, the place chosen by them for their retirement; they will occupy a house rented for an indefinite period from the heirs of the late Br. Emanl. Shober. Since, however, the rent is higher than Br. Hartvig considers he can himself pay, namely \$75.00 a year, and since at the moment no other dwelling is available in town, the P.H.C. considers it proper that about *half* of the rent be paid by the Un. Missions Diac.

9. A communication from Br. Andreas Vetter of Bastrop, Texas, dated April 18 and received May 15, informs us that our brethren and sisters there are endeavoring to maintain their devotional services, and in that connection are considering moving closer together, for they have hitherto been living scattered and in some instances at a considerable distance from each other. They express their gratitude for the *Wöchentliche Nachrichten*, which have been sent them from here.

10. The Land Arbeiter Conferenz has submitted the following matter to the P. H. Cfz. for its decision. In order to preclude occasions for disorder as much as possible, Br. Hagen wishes to move to the church the prayer meetings which have been conducted in the Friedberg congregation for quite some time and have hitherto been held of an *evening* in *private* homes and to hold them in the *daytime*. Furthermore, since prayers were offered in them by *private* persons as well as by the pastor up to the present, a practice it is desired to maintain under the new arrangement which is proposed, Br. Hagen raises the question whether others in addition to the pastor would be permitted to pray publicly in the church. —Following mature consideration, the P.H.C. agreed to state as its opinion that when members gather for united prayer under the leadership of their pastor, those private brethren whom he knows to be worthy members of the congregation, but *no other* persons, may be asked to offer prayer.

11. As to the desire expressed by Br. Hagen to accompany Br. Siewers on his next visit to the mountain district and to be absent from his post for at least one Sunday, the P.H.C. believed it was obliged to advise him not to do so.

12. The Single Br. Samuel Warner, who has been called to serve in the Cherokee mission, is to be given a grant of \$80.00 for his outfit; he must also provide himself with a bed by means of this.

*July 15.*

2. The U.A.C. disapproves of Br. Miles Vogler's action, who has insisted on putting his call to mission service among the Cherokees into effect *immediately* rather than awaiting the arrival of his successor, as the mission department had instructed him to do. The local P.H.C. is requested to draw to said brother's attention the violation of our regulations which his action represents.

3. Two letters have been received from our missionaries among the Cherokees: namely, one from Br. G. Bischof, dated May 10 to 16, together with the diary of New Springplace to that date; and one from Br. Jacob Mack dated May 6, together with the diary of Canaan for the months of March and April. Both communications contained the painful news of the home going within one week of each other of the two regular interpreters, the Cherokee Brn. Thomas Henry and Jesse Israel, the

latter of whom had also served as a helper. Both had proved themselves by their true Christian conduct; therefore their loss is felt all the more painfully by our missionaries and deplored by them.

5. Thereupon the P.H.C. had an interview with Br. Miles Vogler, who had arrived here with his wife and 5 children safe and sound on July 3. The opportunity was taken to inform him of the U.A.C.'s disapproval of his procedure (see paragraph 2). —Br. Vogler admits that his action represents a violation of the regulations, but believes that the condition of his wife, who expects to be delivered toward the end of September, is an excuse for his proceeding, which otherwise would be reprehensible. Had he stayed on longer in the West Indies he would have been unable to undertake the journey *before* the beginning of the hurricane season; this would have very much delayed his arrival at his new charge.

As regards his further journey to the Cherokee mission, Br. Vogler declared that he would not dare to begin it *before* the delivery of his wife, but that he hoped to continue his journey perhaps by the beginning or at the latest by the middle of November. Under the circumstances which had been stated, the P.H.C. could not but permit Br. and Sr. Vogler to make this stay here, though it certainly is a very long one.

In addition the P.H.C. discussed with Br. Vogler in a general way his future official status in the Cherokee mission, as also the division of duties at both stations which has already been agreed upon. He indicated that he concurred completely with it.

Finally he expressed his desire to be permitted to take his own sister, an unmarried person aged 38, with him to his future charge so that she might be of help to his wife and in the household generally. He offered himself to pay for her travel expenses. —No answer could be given immediately to this request, but it is to be kept in mind for future consideration.

*Sept. 10.*

2. A communication from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated August 14, which was received on September 7 with the enclosed accounts of the U. V. Coll. for the year 1851, contained the official announcement that our Br. Carl Friedr. Kluge had been elected a member of the U.A.C. in the Vorsteher Department [Department of Finance] and approved by \* [the lot]. It also requested our P.H.C. to nominate such brethren in America

or Europe as were considered suited to fill Br. Kluge's position, should he accept the call he received. Since Br. Kluge, trusting in the Lord, has decided to obey the call he has received, the P.H.C. immediately discussed at length the brethren who were fitted to be his successor. Since according to the laws of the land the title to the Unity's real estate at this place may be transferred only to a citizen of the United States, this discussion had to be limited to *American* brethren, particularly since there seems to be no thought of separating the offices of proprietor and administrator which have been combined since 1844. —Following mature deliberation and due consideration of the qualifications necessary and desirable for these offices, the P.H.C. agreed to propose to the U.A.C. as our *main nominees* the Brn. Eugen A. Frueauff of Litiz and Emil A. v. Schweinitz of Salem. If the U.A.C. should be led to think of Br. P. H. Goepp for the position that is to be filled, he having been mentioned in this connection in a communication from Br. Matthiesen to Br. Kluge, this would have our full approval. If they should not be satisfied with the said three proposals, we would have no objection to Br. Julius T. Bechler of Litiz being proposed as well. —As to Br. Wm. Theod. Roepper on the other hand, who is named in the above-mentioned communication from Br. Matthiesen in addition to the other brethren whom we have proposed, we would have misgivings regarding his suitability for *this* position, though we fully acknowledge his ability to attend to the business connected with the office of administrator. Up to now this position has involved to a greater or lesser degree participation in ministering to the spiritual needs of the congregation.

Sept. 27.

Br. Samuel Warner attending.

1. First of all, the Single Br. Samuel S. Warner, who has received a call to be a missionary assistant in the Cherokee mission, specifically as a schoolteacher, was received as an acoluth in the customary solemn manner and advised regarding his future work. He plans in the course of this week to begin his journey to the distant West, accompanied by the young Cherokee brother Archibald Henry. Our best wishes go with him for God's blessing upon him.

3. In a letter addressed to our P.H.C., dated September 22, Sr. Friederike J. Hüffel, owing to increasing physical troubles, requests to be relieved of the office of Pflegerin of the Choirs of

the Single Sisters and Older Girls, which she has held for 15 years. She also expresses her desire still this fall to journey to Pennsylvania, and first of all to her Reinke relatives in York. In view of the reason which she herself gives, the P.H.C. cannot but grant her request; it is a matter of course in this connection that she will receive the regular pension from our Sustent. Diac.—Proceeding to the consideration of filling the vacancy thus to be created, the Single Srs. Friederika Pfohl and Louise Belo, now serving in the Girls' Boarding School, and also Sr. Lisette Meinung were proposed for this. Since for various reasons the first-named was considered the most suitable, the P.H.C. was led to consult \* [the lot] regarding her alone. We received the directive: "The Saviour approves that we should call Sr. Friederike Pfohl to be Pflegerin of the Single Sisters of Salem." Consequently, Br. Herman will send her a written call.

4. A communication from Br. Martin Hauser, dated September 1 and received on the 14th, reports the gratifying progress of the home mission work in the vicinity of New Salem, particularly in Olney, Fox Prairie[*sic*], Albion, and Wanboro. At the first-named place those who have connections with us have expressed a desire to unite formally with our church. This has led Br. Hauser to apply for permission from our P.H.C. for the establishment of a little Moravian congregation at Olney, in connection with which, however, he expresses the wish that we should take steps to provide a meetinghouse, since up to the present all services had to be held in the courthouse in the absence of a church.

Our P.H.C. has already expressed itself in favor of establishing a little congregation at Olney (see the minutes of March 9, paragraph 3b); only we could not approve people who already belong to other denominations being *invited* to unite with our church, as Br. Hauser seems to intend doing. —Regarding the proposed *erection of a meetinghouse* on the other hand, the P.H.C.'s view is that one should not act too hastily, particularly since a little Moravian congregation is only in the process of being formed. Perhaps it might be best if at first a *union* meetinghouse would be undertaken by both those connected with us and the Methodist congregation which already is organized.

6. A letter from Br. J. A. Friebele, dated September 1, which arrived on the 16th of this month together with the Woodstock Mills diary up to the end of August, reports the baptism of the

wife of Christian Alfred, the first convert, named Rebecca Judith, and of her 3 small children on August 15. Consequently, one entire family now belongs to the little mission congregation at Woodstock Mills.

*Oct. 1.*

Since Sr. Frederika Pfohl has not been led to accept the call she had received to be the Pflegerin of the Single Sisters' Choir (see the minutes of September 27, paragraph 3), the P.H.C. was compelled to consider again how the vacancy created by Sr. Hüffel's resignation should be filled. The Single Srs. Louise Belo, Maria Petersen, and Anne Leinbach were proposed for this. But since certain misgivings were voiced about each one of them, it was agreed first to put the preliminary question with the affirmative and negative \* [to the lot], first regarding Sr. Louise Belo, who seemed to be the best suited, and then regarding Sr. Maria Petersen, as to whether either should be considered for the office of the Pflegerin of the Single Sisters' Choir. In both cases we received the negative answer.—As to Sr. Anne Leinbach, misgivings along various lines were so strong that it was thought she should be left out of consideration. Since the time had passed it was decided to adjourn and to continue our deliberation in the evening.—This being done, Sr. Lucinda Bagge was proposed, whose domestic situation it is true could well make it difficult for her to take over the office of Chor Pflegerin, but who seemed in other respects well suited for said position. Because of the difficulty referred to it was decided to put its preliminary question with the affirmative and negative \* [to the lot] regarding Sr. Lucinda Bagge, as to whether she should be considered for said office. Again we received the negative answer. Since we could find no one else among the *Single* Sisters who could be proposed, there seemed no other course left for us than to seek to fill the position, which has repeatedly been referred to, by a suitable *Widowed* Sister. It was, however, considered best first to discuss this matter with the local Aelt. Confz.

*Oct. 8.*

1. Since the local Aelt. Cfz. has stated that it agrees to having steps taken to fill the Pflegerin office of the Choir of Single Sisters by a *Widowed* Sister if no Single Sister can be found, suitable proposals were sought for. Since *no one* appears to be available here, consideration was given first to the Widowed Srs. Huebener

in Litiz, and Zorn and Dober in Bethlehem. Since our Br. Herman plans in the course of next week to leave on a visit to Pennsylvania for the sake of a change, he was commissioned to discuss the matter in question with the P.H.C. at that place, and, should they approve, take steps to call one or the other of said sisters; but he also is free to propose some *other* suitable sister, if this should prove desirable.

*Nov. 11.*

3. From our correspondent on the U.A.C. 2 letters, dated October 9 and 16, were received on November 4 and 9. The latter contained news of the call \* [approved by the lot] of *Br. Emil A. v. Schweinitz to the office of proprietor and administrator of the Unity holdings in Wachovia* in Br. C. F. Kluge's place. That communication also contained the information that the latter brother had been commissioned by the U.A.C. to visit all American congregations before leaving for Europe for the purpose especially of reviewing matters relating to their economy.

Since Br. E. A. v. Schweinitz, relying upon the Lord's assistance, has accepted the call extended to him, steps had to be taken at once to fill his place as Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School. Upon thorough consideration of this matter it became evident that there is no brother in our district who seems fully qualified for this office, with the possible exception of Br. E. T. Senseman, whose recall from his charge at New Salem it was believed could not be thought of after so brief a time. Therefore, we were obliged to look for suitable individuals among the brethren employed in the northern district. The Brn. Robert v. Schweinitz, Jul. T. Bechler, and Wm. T. Roepper, whom the Pennsylvania P.H.C. had mentioned in this connection to Br. Herman in a preliminary discussion, seemed to us also to be acceptable proposals. Br. Roepper, however, could be considered only with the express proviso that he would *first* declare himself to be willing to *deliver addresses* at least in the Boarding School; he also ought to be *ordained* there before leaving Bethlehem. To the above-mentioned proposals we in turn added Br. Henry A. Shultz of Litiz, of whom there is reason to believe that he would not be disinclined to accept an appointment of this nature at Salem. The said 4 brethren are to be proposed to the P.A.C. in Bethlehem with the request that it *call one of them by means of the lot to become Inspector of the local Girls' Boarding School.*



The Right Reverend John G. Herman, president of the Provincial Helpers' Conference (From a photograph in the possession of Miss Grace L. Siewers)



*Nov. 15.*

1. The P.H.C. first had another interview with Br. *Miles Vogler*. He plans to leave with his wife and 4 children, the youngest of whom was born here at Salem in September, on the 16th of this month on his long journey to the Cherokee country. He will place his eldest daughter, Mary, in the Girls' Boarding School for further training; Sr. Luc. Bagge will take care of the second, and without charge. He has now given up entirely the idea he expressed in an earlier interview of taking along his own sister to help in the family or for any purpose (see the minutes of July 15, paragraph 4). The essential points covering his position in the mission were agreed upon again, and more accurately. In accordance with an earlier resolution of the P.H.C., *Br. Vogler will be the chairman of the general mission conference*; at *Canaan* he will devote himself mainly to the mission work proper and assume supervision of the school in particular, while Br. Mack will have to give greater care to temporal matters than has been possible up to the present.

2. Br. Emil Schweinitz submitted the annual account of the Girls' Boarding School from June 1, 1851, to May 31, 1852, together with the balance sheet. The annual account shows a very gratifying surplus of \$8,242.38 $\frac{3}{4}$ , which called for our gratitude to the Lord, Whose blessing continues to rest most evidently upon our Girls' Boarding School. Regarding the allocation of the surplus the following was agreed upon and determined:

Contribution to the Wachovia Sustent. Diac.	\$2,500
Reserve for building	2,000
Reserve to cover the losses of the cotton f.[actory]	2,000
Furniture	800
Beds	300
Honorarium for the bookkeeper	40
Care of the library	10
Travel expenses of Mary Ann Dawkins	30
A grant to the Single Srs.'s Diacony towards the liquidation of this year's deficit	150
The balance of the surplus to be transferred to the building account in view of the buildings contemplated	412.38 $\frac{3}{4}$
	\$8,242.38 $\frac{3}{4}$

The P.H.C. also approved the proposal of the Inspector similarly to transfer \$1,500 of the *credit balance in the library account*, which is not really needed for its specific purposes, to the *building reserve*. Br. Emil Schweinitz mentioned a change introduced before the end of the fiscal year in regard to the salary of the teachers in the Girls' Boarding School. It consists of their now receiving *one* dollar more in cash every 4 weeks in place of certain benefits which they had enjoyed, sometimes in a very unequal degree, as for example free postage, Christmas presents, etc. In this way the teachers here have been placed on approximately equal footing so far as salary is concerned with those in Bethlehem and Litiz.

3. Upon Br. G. F. Bahnsen's request it was decided to have our Sust. Diac. make a belated payment to him of \$50.00 as a stipend for his son *Charles* for the year 1849-50.

*Dec. 14.*

Br. E. A. Schweinitz attending.

The occasion for this meeting was a request of the local school committee, which Br. Bahnsen presented in its name and by its direction. It deals with filling a teacher's position in the Town School for Little Boys which will become vacant by Br. C. L. Rights's leaving as planned at the end of the year. On the one hand, the school committee believes that it has little prospect of being able to find a qualified *unmarried* teacher for it; on the other hand, it considers it very desirable to make more permanent provision for the said position by appointing a suitable *married* brother as the first teacher. Therefore, it has thought in this connection of *Max. E. Grunert*, the brother at present holding appointment as pastor of the congregation at Bethania, who formerly served with evident success as teacher in the Town School for Little Boys. It would, therefore, like to obtain the approval of the P.H.C. for calling this brother to the position in question. In this connection, however, some of the members of the school committee would like to add the proviso that Br. Grunert, if he should accept such a proposal, should commit himself to stay for a number of years in the post contemplated for him and that the P.H.C. should undertake not to offer him any other appointment for a period of 6 to 8 years. In giving this matter thorough consideration the P.H.C. soon came to the conviction that it could neither prevent the school committee

from offering Br. Grunert an appointment of the kind proposed nor forbid the latter to accept it. Yet it would not be compatible with the relationship of the P.H.C. to Br. Grunert, as called by it in accordance with our dear Lord's direction \* [by means of the lot] to the ministry of the gospel nor with a proper and due regard for filling the charges in our district, particularly at Bethania, most effectively, for it formally to sanction the call of said brother by the local school committee, because the acceptance of a proposal of that nature would result in his leaving the actual service of the church. Should one wish to prevent this, Br. Grunert would have to be appointed as an assistant for serving the local congregation in addition to his school duties, a step the pressing need of which one could not be convinced of at the moment. Under no circumstances, however, would the P.H.C. consent to abstain for a number of years from considering a brother who stands under its control for appointment in another position.

Dec. 27.

1. A communication from Br. J. C. Jacobson, dated December 13 and received on the 19th, contained the announcement that Br. *Robert v. Schweinitz*, pastor of the congregation at Lancaster up to this time, had received a call \* [approved by the lot] to become the *Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School at this place*, and had accepted it in reliance upon the assistance of the Lord. That letter also contained the information that the Widowed Srs. Emilie Lichtenhäuser and Elisab. Eichler had indeed been approved \* [by the lot] for the office of Pflegerin of the Single Sisters' Choir at this place, but did not feel led to accept the call extended. —Under circumstances like these the P.H.C., after another discussion of this matter on the 20th of this month, was led to propose again to Sr. Fr. *Pfohl* of this place that she assume this office. Though with trepidation, yet trusting in the Lord, she *has accepted it*.

4. A letter was received from Br. Edwin T. Senseman on the 15th, dated December 1, which contained an enumeration of the members of the congregation at New Salem. According to it the communicant membership consists of 126 persons.

6. Two letters have been received from our missionaries among the Cherokees, namely one from Br. Bishop, dated September 20, on October 30, and one from Br. A. Welfare,

dated November 3, on December 3. Both contained the information that the latter's health had so improved that he could begin again to participate in the work of the mission. The addition to the mission house at New Springplace had not been quite completed, but work on it was going on diligently. Br. Welfare proposes building a separate dwelling for his and his wife's use, since there was not enough room in the mission house itself for two families and the house occupied at present by Br. and Sr. Welfare is not fully suited for a *family*. Concerning this matter the P.H.C. will first ask for the opinion of the mission conference before replying to Br. Welfare's proposal. Another wish which this brother has expressed, that he and his wife be permitted to maintain their own *separate* housekeeping arrangements, met with little favor at the moment and certainly will require further consideration.

7. A communication from Br. J. A. Friebel, dated December 2, which arrived on the 10th together with the continuation of the diary of Woodstock-Mills, provides gratifying news of the progress of the work among the negroes at that place. A number of them show more spiritual life than formerly. One negro, named *Augustus*, is now receiving preparatory instruction for baptism. Two persons who have belonged to the Baptists up to the present, Ned Taylor and Sally, wish to unite with our church. Two others, Rhody and Mitchell, have applied for baptism. Br. Friebel is at liberty to receive the first-named, concerning whose conduct he expresses himself favorably, as church members, and also to baptize the last-named, following their instruction, so soon as he will be fully led to do so.

9. To serve the country congregations in this district requires each minister of a country congregation to be supplied with a horse and wagon, but their limited income, which actually is hardly sufficient for their sustenance, renders it almost impossible for these brethren to acquire them with their own means. Therefore, it was resolved to have our Sustentation Diaconie buy the wagons and harness from the Brethren Grunert in Bethania, Oerter in Bethabara, and Hagen in Friedberg, which they have acquired but not yet paid for. These are to be put at the disposal of the respective pastors in those congregations to be used for official and personal purposes, though with the proviso that they or their congregations are to take care of their upkeep. Br. Grunert is also to be reimbursed for the price

which he paid for his horse (\$30.00). It was further resolved to grant the request made by Br. Hagen for a subsidy, in view of his large family, and to have the Sustent. Diaconie provide him with assistance in the amount of \$75.00.

*Minutes of the Aufseher Collegium in Salem For the Year 1852.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 12.*

1. Regarding paragraph 3 [of the previous minutes] it was to be noted that Livingston Clinard, a single man, has now been given permission to join the congregation and that he is to be received in the near future by holy baptism.

2. Regarding paragraph 6 it was to be noted that Br. John Chitty, on being asked, had stated that he intends to move into the potter's dwelling so soon as Mr. Siddall would vacate it, and the Col. expressed itself as agreeing to his continuing to rent it. Sr. Emilie Winkler, therefore, cannot get it.

3. The Aeltst. Confz. has presented the following matter: Henry Hughs, a single man (a tailor), applied for permission to join the congregation some time ago. But since at the time of his application he was guilty of improper conduct, his request was not considered on that occasion. Since then he has again submitted a similar request. The Confz., however, is not sure as to whether it should take it up or not, since under the present circumstances of there being only one tailor in town and his intending to move away during the course of the year, it may well be suspected that he might have additional designs in this. It wishes, therefore, first to obtain the views of the Col. regarding the applicant. —Though the Col. does not feel itself qualified to express a definite opinion about him because its members do not have any personal contact with him, yet it could be gathered from their remarks that they would consider it best not to act precipitately on his admission.

4. Br. Thomas Boner caused an announcement to be made that he intends to open a business, this in association with Livingston Clinard, single. He therefore applies for permission to construct a two-story frame house with a front of about 23 feet and a depth of 40 feet on the lot of his brother William on Main Street. To this there was added a request that L. Clinard, as a

single man, be permitted to carry on business in the town on his own account. Since it is nearly a year now that the latter had expressed his desire to join the congregation, the Col. does not believe that his application has any connection with his present plan. It states in reply to Br. Boner that no obstacles would stand in the way of their plan as soon as Clinard would be admitted to the congregation; in the meanwhile, therefore, they can make the necessary preparations. The Col. also approves the construction of the planned building with the proviso that it would come under the conditions of the new lease. —The Col., however, would prefer that the house should be built of brick. Inquiry will also have to be made as to who is to be the owner of the house.

5. The fire inspectors were appointed for the year, this time the Brn. John Vogler, Isaac Boner, and Thos. Pfohl.

*Jan. 26.*

1. Since the Single Br. Livingston Clinard has now joined the congregation, the Col. grants his request, mentioned in the preceding minutes, paragraph 4, to carry on business in the settlement on his own account. It was to be noted in connection with the same paragraph that the planned building will be the property of Br. Thomas Boner.

2. Because of his health Br. John Vogler has declined to undertake the fire inspection; an attempt will be made, therefore, to secure Br. Jacob Siewers in his place.

3. The Col. considers it desirable again to admonish the night watchman (Br. J. Heisler) to be careful in carrying out his duties.

4. Since the Single Br. Julius Steiner, due to his notoriously bad conduct, has repeatedly merited exclusion from the congregation, but is the owner of a building in the town, the Confz. has entertained the idea of first summoning him before the Col. or a committee of its members to have a serious talk with him about his behaviour and admonish him to mend his ways. The Col. is of the opinion that such an interview would be fruitless and advises that he should be excluded without further ado so soon as he should give offense again.

5. Br. Elias Vogler desires to build an office ("counting room") behind his store. The Col. had no objection to this.

6. The recently formed reading society applies for permission to keep its books in future in the former dormitory of the

schoolhouse for little boys. With the proviso that the teachers have no objection and that the society does not get control of the dormitory, the Col. for its part approves this request.

7. Mr. A. H. Shepperd applies to the Col. for permission to cut down a strip of woods one rod deep along the 2 lots which he has bought from Br. Adam Butner, each having a length of 40 rods. He does so because this land lacks the necessary timber for fencing it in, and he promises adequate compensation for this. The Col. is prepared to sell him land, of one rod in width, along these lots. It leaves it to the Vorsteher of the congregation to make further arrangements with Mr. Shepperd.

8. It has finally been decided that the plank road, which is planned from Fayetteville to the western part of the state, will pass through Salem. Therefore, the Col. declared itself willing to give to the company which is building the road the right of way through the land belonging to the Gem. Diac. of the town without charge, but with the condition that all of the timber upon it which would have to be cut would remain ours. What shall be done in regard to the streets in town cannot be decided until it is known where it will reach the town.

9. Sr. Emilie Winkler applies for the town lot bordering to the north on Wm. Schulz's to build a small house on it for herself. It is to be of one story, of frame, with a basement, in which there is to be a washkitchen. The costs are estimated at about \$500. Since the Col. is informed that she will not become financially embarrassed by the undertaking, it grants Sr. Winkler's request.

10. Br. Charles Clinard intends to build an addition of 12 feet at the west end of his shop. There was no objection to this.

11. Br. Thos. Boner wishes to be allowed to run a fence through a small strip of woodland between the field which he took over from Br. James Hall and the outlot of Br. Henry Leinbach's, but without making any use of the woods or the land. The Col. grants the request, and next year the Vorsteher will have the timber felled on this piece of land.

*Feb. 9.*

1. Regarding paragraph 7 [of the preceding minutes] it should be reported that Mr. Shepperd has bought the piece of land referred to, amounting to  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre, for \$5.00.

Regarding paragraph 11 it was stated that the request of Br. Boner's which was contained in it had been incorrectly

entered and misunderstood, since he had referred to a strip of woodland along the north side of his land and not along the west side as had been thought. The Col. is willing to grant him this wish also.

2. Parmenio Schulz, who has bought 2 plots of land from the estate of the late Alex. Blum near the Lexington road and located on either side of it, wishes to acquire the small strips lying between these lots and the road. At the time these lots were laid out a small strip of land along the road had been reserved to prevent strangers into whose hands the land might fall from settling there. However, in view of the fact that since that time circumstances have changed, particularly as a result of the sale of land for the construction of the courthouse, the Col. did not feel obliged to be bound by the decision taken at that time. It is willing, therefore, to sell this land which lies between the two said lots (including the road) to P. Schulz for \$8.00 an acre.

3. Br. Augustus Zevely would like to rent the old field on the Blum plantation. The Col. is willing to let him have it rent free for the first year and after that for 40¢ an acre. Further particulars concerning the water troughs which cross it as well as concerning the path leading to Jac. Rothaas's plantation were left to the Vorsteher.

4. Mr. Thos. Wilson applies for permission to lay out a lane from the land which he bought from Dav. Clewell through the Gem. Diac. land to the run flowing nearby. Since this lane would follow Mr. Howlet's line and cut off egress from his land, he promises to maintain a gate along it for Mr. Howlet's use. Under the condition that he come to terms with Mr. Howlet about it, that he fell no timber, and that he return this land should it be rented or sold, the Col. grants his request.

5. Br. Em. Reich would like to buy some woodland to the north of Sr. Catharina Wohlfahrt's. Since there still is an isolated patch of woodland in that direction, the Col. is prepared to sell him about 5 acres at \$8.00 an acre.

*Feb. 23.*

1. Regarding paragraph 3 [of the preceding minutes] it was stated that Br. Aug. Zevely would not rent the old field on the Blum plantation, since he had taken over a field from Br. Traug. Chitty on the former Schumann plantation.

2. In connection with drawing up a lease for Sr. Lucinda Bagge it was discovered that she had never received permission from the administration of the congregation to become a householder in Salem. The lot she occupies had originally been given to her stepmother, the widowed Sr. Anna Maria Bagge (as appears from the minutes of August 21, 1843, paragraph 2; September 13, 1843, paragraph 3; October 3, 1843, paragraph 2; and June 4, 1844, paragraph 3). Sr. Lucinda Bagge, however, took possession of the house standing on it through an agreement reached by the heirs of the late Br. Charles F. Bagge years ago, but without notice being given to the proper authorities or record being made of this. Therefore, the Col. now made up for this omission and sanctioned the Single Sr. Lucinda Bagge's being a householder in Salem.

3. Since the house occupied by Br. and Sr. Chrn. Blum is the property of the child Elisabeth Brietz, the lease for that lot will have to be made out to Br. C. D. Kühln as her guardian; similarly, that for the lots occupied by Br. and Sr. David Clewell to Br. Francis Fries as trustee, since as the result of a marriage contract Sr. Dorothea Clewell is the owner of the house. (See the minutes of February 5, 1839, paragraph 1.)

4. The Brn. Orren Mitchell and Peter Fetter applied in writing for the little alley to be closed which runs between them from Main Street to the God's Acre and the land divided between the adjoining lots, since it serves no purpose and simply enables pigs and cows to break into their lots from it.

The Col. cannot vote to have this alley closed since it is the only convenient passageway between Main Street and the God's Acre avenue for those who live west of Main Street in that area. Steps are to be taken, however, to fix the entrance at Main Street so that cows and pigs can be kept out.

*March 22.*

1. Since there has been complaint raised concerning unbecoming conduct on the part of young people in the God's Acre on Sundays, Br. John Chitty (who holds the office of gravedigger) has agreed to maintain supervision of a sort on Sunday afternoons there.

2. Julius Steiner, a single man, continues with his notoriously bad conduct (see the minutes of January 26, 1852, paragraph 4) and it will soon become necessary to exclude him from the con-

gregation completely. The Aeltst. Confz., therefore, passes on the suggestion to the Col. that it might be desirable to speak to his father to inquire whether he would be inclined to take over the buildings and the business of Julius. The Col. approves of the Col's. [sic] suggestion.

3. Parmenio Schulz is not willing to pay the price of \$8.00 an acre asked for the land mentioned in the minutes of February 9, 1852, paragraph 2, but is willing to get it at the usual price for land. Since it will never be of any use to the Gem. Diac. due to its location, the Col. is willing to sell it to him (the road included) at \$5.00 an acre.

4. Henry Hughs wishes to rent the southern part of the former pottery and the shop which James Fisher used to use and to live there after being married. He is willing to take care of the necessary repairs, provided the expenses would be deducted from the rent. Following a long discussion the Col. decided to rent him the place as it stands. If he makes any alterations it must be done at his own expense, but not without the prior knowledge and consent of the Vorsteher, and should he vacate the dwelling he could make no claim for the improvements.

5. Br. George Hege wishes to enlarge his stable, and this in such a manner that the addition would be located outside of his lot on a strip of land which Br. Em. Reich has used up to the present as the approach to his stable. The Col. grants his wish.

6. Br. C. F. Sussdorff does not want any longer to support his family by tuning pianos, sometimes at a considerable distance, [and] his plan of selling his house and moving to Illinois has not succeeded as yet. Therefore, he now toys with the idea, if he should fail altogether in selling his house, of putting up a hydropathic institute in which he and his wife would provide the board, etc., and Dr. Leopold Fries would be the practicing physician. To this end he would like to have the two town lots which adjoin his to the north reserved for him at present. The Col. was unanimously of the opinion that for the time being it was not worthwhile going into this request.

*April 19.*

1. Henry Hughs would like to let his future mother-in-law, Mrs. Collins, live with him, and, since she is known to be an upright person, the Col. has no objection. On the other hand, however, he cannot be permitted to take in the youngest son of

the family, who has a bad reputation. Further, the Col. set the rent which he is to pay at \$25.00 per annum.

2. The Brn. Henry Schaffner and Peter Fetter apply for the small strip of woodland, in size about  $\frac{1}{3}$  acre, which lies between the public school lot and the street which runs along it, and the outlots to the west thereof. The Col. grants it to them under the usual conditions.

3. The Col. also discussed the fact that the God's Acre avenue is used as a playground by the boys during the noon hour and that among other things they are careless in using powder there, which could easily cause an accident. It might be advisable to draw the attention of parents and master workmen to these matters.

*June 21.*

1. Br. Traugott Chitty applies to have the rent for his house lot reduced. Though a nonresident, he has had to pay at the same rate for it hitherto as does a resident of town, without enjoying the rights and privileges of a citizen of Salem. Since the Col. considered this to be unfair, it decided that he should pay an annual rent of \$1.50 (rather than the former \$2.26) for this lot in future.

2. A petition signed by a committee of 6 members of Salem Lodge No. 36 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was then taken up and discussed. It requested permission for their society to add a hall, 30 by 60 feet, as a second story to the markethouse to be used for their meetings under the same rules and restrictions as those applying to the Temperance Society. No decision regarding this was reached at this time, however, and the matter is to be taken up again in the next session.

3. There was some discussion about certain ditches in the upper part of the town which seem to be causing discord among neighbors, and an effort is to be made to deal with the trouble.

*June 28.*

1. The request for permission to erect a hall over the markethouse for the use of the Odd Fellows was taken up again. The application was approved with the proviso that a contract be made with the society in writing, in which the latter would undertake to observe the following conditions: namely,

1st, that the hall would be used exclusively for the purposes of the society and no other meetings would take place in it;

2nd, that should the society, that is lodge No. 36, disband in future, the building should accrue free of cost to the Gem. Diac. for any kind of use; 3rd, that nothing contrary to our congregational regulations shall be carried on in it; and 4th, that the entire lower story of this building, with the exception of the portion in which the stairway to the hall would be located, shall remain at the disposal of the Gem. Diac.

Regarding the last point the Col. was of the opinion that, like the present market and firehouse, it should be provided with doors and then continue to be used as up to the present, that is for housing the fire apparatus and for conducting the market.

2. Note was made further of the fact that Br. Francis Schober had rented his dwelling house to Br. Eugen Hartwig, who had arrived here with his wife during the last weeks.

*July 12.*

1. Regarding paragraph 1 [of the preceding minutes] it was reported that the members of the local Odd Fellows Lodge had stated that they agreed to the conditions under which they would be permitted to build the hall.

So the Col. asks Br. Francis Fries to draw up the written contract.

2. Sr. Lucinda Bagge would like to conduct the water from the spring in the valley behind the church to her house by means of a small waterworks to be erected there at her own expense. The idea met with the approval of the Col. It was further suggested in this connection that any excess water from the cistern of the present waterworks could perhaps be conducted by means of a pipeline to the one which is to be newly constructed and brought into the town by means of the latter.

3. A request was presented to the Col. from several brethren for permission to have the concert hall used by a class which would like to be taught to dance. Since dancing and worldly amusements of that kind are by our church considered unbecoming to a Christian congregation, the Col. could not approve such a use of that hall and therefore unanimously denied this request.

4. Br. Em. Reich applies tentatively for a small piece of meadowland lying to the east of his plantation, in case the plank road should cut through his meadow. The application will be kept in mind for the present.

*July 26.*

1. Br. Jacob Fulkerson would like to build an addition of 9 feet in width on the north side of his house, thus to gain a central corridor and 2 rooms in it. The Col. has no objection to this alteration.

2. Steps are to be taken late this year to raise the smokehouse of the Sisters' House by about 6 feet to get more space for the meat that is to be smoked.

3. Br. Charles Cooper plans to erect a 2nd story on his shop in the near future. The Col. approves.

4. The annual reports were then communicated of the civic and church account, of the waterworks, and the lovefeast account from May 1, 1851, to April 30, 1852.

a. The civic and church account shows an excess of expenditures of \$3.61, whereby its deficit was increased to \$140.94. The less favorable results in this account as compared to last year's account are to be ascribed to an expenditure of \$225.06 for street improvement.

b. The waterworks account had a surplus of receipts of \$11.08 $\frac{1}{2}$ , whereby its credit balance was raised to \$471.91 $\frac{3}{4}$ . It was mentioned in this connection that it will be necessary to have a new waterwheel constructed for it during the course of this year because the present one is too far gone to last throughout another winter.

c. The lovefeast account showed a surplus of receipts of \$16.67 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Deducting from this amount the uncovered deficit of \$2.07 $\frac{3}{4}$  resting on this account from the preceding year, it retains a credit balance of \$14.60.

In connection with this account the desire was discussed of all the bakers in town to have a share in baking the buns for the lovefeasts. The Col. approved a plan submitted to it for arriving at a fair and equal division. A conference will have to be held with all of the bakers in the near future.

*Aug. 9.*

1. The annual report of the Gem. Diac. from May 1, 1851, to April 30, 1852, was communicated to the Col. together with the balance sheet as of the latter date. It shows that \$71.50 was received from the sale of land and added to the real estate fund. In addition, a surplus of receipts is shown in the amount of \$55.75 $\frac{1}{4}$ , which latter, however, is to be ascribed to the fact

that this time the deficit in the school account was not covered immediately. According to the school account, which was also communicated, the latter incurred a deficit this year of \$67.84 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; this the school committee will be unable to meet. Since the latter, following customary procedure, will without doubt make such a request of the congregational administration, the Col. expressed its willingness to help as far as it is in a position to do and appropriated, in case this should be desired, the balance of \$55.75 $\frac{1}{4}$  for the school account; its deficit would thus be reduced to \$11.73.

2. The account of the Diac. of the Single Sisters showed an excess of expenditures for the same period in the amount of \$178.54 $\frac{1}{4}$ . The Col. expressed its satisfaction at the deficits not being larger, since an even less favorable result had been expected in view of the unusually high prices of the main articles during the past fiscal year together with the unusually high enrollment at the boarding school and the fact that the fees for board had not been raised. If under these special circumstances the trustees and the Inspector of the Boarding School could be found willing to liquidate this deficit, the Col. would be most grateful.

*Sept. 21.*

1. The various bakers in town have been consulted about dividing the baking for our lovefeasts (see the minutes of July 26, 1852, paragraph 4c), but the Brn. Hall and Fischer have no desire to be involved in this. The Col. will let the Vorsteher and head Saaldiener regulate this matter as they see fit.

2. Sr. Lucinda Bagge now has carried out her project of conducting the water from the spring in the valley behind her lot to her house (see the minutes of July 12, 1852, paragraph 2). But since she would prefer to have more and, if possible, better water, she desires permission to dig a well for this purpose near the spring. The Col. approves.

Since this small waterworks in its present form already produces more water than Sr. Bagge can use and she is willing for the sake of the common good to connect the overflow of water with the pipe system of the lower town, the Col. is in favor of having this done and of taking certain lead pipes off her hands for this purpose.

3. Br. Henry Schaffner would like to have the boundary changed between his town lot and the one lying west of it in

such a way that the run which flows there would become the boundary. He would thus get the strip of land lying between it and his lot. He thinks that this would be a better division in every respect.

The matter is to be looked into more closely before the next [session of the] Col. to determine first of all what size each lot would have as a result.

*Oct. 4.*

1. With regard to Br. Schaffner's town lot (see paragraph 3) [of the preceding minutes] it could be reported that if the said strip of land were to be added to his lot, the rear lot would still retain a depth of 141 feet. Since it has a frontage of 186 feet, it still would belong to the larger lots and, therefore, any future owner of it would still have a lot of considerable size. Consequently, the Col. granted Br. Schaffner's request.

2. Thereupon a long letter from Br. and Sr. C. F. Sussdorff addressed to the Col. was communicated. It states that in order to make a living for his family Br. Sussdorff has in the past been compelled on occasion to make long trips to earn some money by tuning and repairing pianos. He has repeatedly tried to find some other way of supporting himself without having to leave his family. He now has hit upon the idea of opening a horticultural establishment in partnership with another man on Long Island, not far from New York. He would hope to make both ends meet in this way. But to be in a position to carry out such a plan he would have to sell his house here; this he has not succeeded in doing up till now. Therefore, he offers to sell his house to the Gem. Diac.; or, should this not meet with favor, he asks whether the money could be loaned to him.

The Col. discussed thoroughly the inquiries contained in this letter and reached the unanimous conclusion not to have anything to do with them. To take over this house would not only serve as a precedent which would probably soon result in various demands of the same kind, and some of these perhaps from people whose situation might actually be worse than Br. Sussdorff's, but this house, because of its location, would also very likely prove difficult for the Gem. Diac. to dispose of. As to the 2nd point, "the loan of money," the Col. is inclined to consider it merely *purchasing* the house in a somewhat different way, since Br. Sussdorff would want to leave his house as security for the money. To loan him the full value of the house would not be

advisable for the Gem. Diac., and less than that would not answer Br. Sussdorff's purpose.

3. Asked for its opinion, the Col. advises against the purchase of a piano for the Older Girls' room in the Single Sisters' House.

*Oct. 18.*

1. With regard to paragraph 3 [of the preceding minutes] it should be noted that since the last session the supervisors of the girls' room have offered to pay \$25.00 towards the purchase of a piano from funds belonging to this room and charge only the balance of the cost to the Sisters' Diac. Consequently, the Col. discussed this matter again, but still remained unconvinced of the desirability of securing a piano for the girls' room and, therefore, reaffirmed its former decision.

3. Sr. Friderika Hüffel finds herself forced by illness to resign from her office of Pfleger of the local Single Sisters' Choir. For some 13 years she has also been responsible for the office of Vorsteher of the Choir in addition thereto. Therefore, the Col. is unanimously in favor of having the Sisters' Diac. grant her \$75.00 as a gratuity on her leaving.

*Nov. 1.*

1. It was reported by the Aeltst. Confz. that Susan Shore, m. n. Cannaday [Kennedy], wife of the nonresident Br. Wm. Shore, has again applied to join the local congregation. The Col.'s opinion is desired regarding this. The members of the Col. do not know her personally, but they also do not know of any reason standing in the way of her desire.

2. The Col. discussed again the way the young people crowd into the organ gallery, particularly during English services. The idea was suggested that this nuisance could be remedied by having the northern half of this gallery occupied by the teachers of the Girls' Boarding School. There they would also be better able to supervise their students who sit among the Sisters' Choir than is possible with the present seating arrangement. This idea is to be passed on to the Inspector.

*Nov. 15.*

1. It was reported that the trustees and the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School had voted the sum of \$150 from the credit balance of this institution for liquidating the deficit in the Diac.

of the Single Sisters (see the minutes of August 9, 1852, paragraph 2). They add a statement, however, that this had not been done because the fees for board were considered too low or with the idea of their becoming responsible for covering any future deficits which might occur in the Diac. of the Single Sisters, but only with the desire of giving proof of their concern for the well-being of this Diac. The chairman was asked to express the gratitude of the Col. for this donation.

2. Br. Francis Meller asks for permission to erect a one-story building of about 12 by 20 and some feet, with 2 sections, on the Widows' House lot between the museum building and Br. Elias Vogler's storehouse, which stands not far from it. He would use it for the sale of his confections and baked goods, since he is unable to rent convenient premises for this purpose on Main Street.

The Col. recognizes that Br. Meller, to make both ends meet, should get a place on Main Street to sell his goods, but after thorough consideration of all the circumstances is unable to grant this request. But it is willing, in order to help Br. Meller gain his purpose, to have the Gem. Diac. erect a building at said place in conformity to the suggested plans, which would be rented to Br. Meller at 8 per cent of the construction costs to carry on his business.

3. Br. C. F. Sussdorff applies to purchase the former potter's building. The Col. postponed a decision to a future session.

Nov. 29.

1. Br. Sussdorff's request was then taken up regarding the sale of the former pottery. The Col. immediately encountered a difficulty which stands in the way of the sale of this building, presented by the concert hall which adjoins this building and which is used almost weekly by the townspeople for gatherings of various kinds. Since there was no inclination to deprive the local community of its use, the Col. unanimously agreed not to sell the former potter's building to Br. Sussdorff, particularly since renting the property has presented no difficulty up to the present.

2. In reference to the suggestion of the Aufs. Col. concerning the crowding of young people into the organ gallery (see the minutes of November 1, 1852, paragraph 2), the Aeltst. Confz. conveyed to the Col. a proposal to convene a meeting of the

heads of households and master workmen in the near future. This and other disorders which the young men and boys are guilty of would be discussed with the hope of stopping them. The Col. believes that such a meeting would be very desirable.

In this connection various instances of disorders were mentioned which have occurred in recent days at the Sisters' House, at the Girls' Boarding School, and behind the church.

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*Jan. 7.*

4. A single woman has stated under oath that [a certain Single Brother] is the father of her child, and he has settled the matter with her by paying a sum of money without waiting for the court's decision. Though said brother now asserts his innocence, the A. Conf. must consider him to have been legally adjudged as guilty and deal with him according to precedent in similar cases. Therefore, it was felt necessary to exclude him from the congregation, though with regret.

5. Since Br. Alex. Houser has married a non-Moravian without the prior knowledge of the A. Conf., he has by this step severed his connection with our congregation.

*Jan. 14.*

3. Further consideration is to be given to the question whether the practice is to be continued which has been followed for some time of celebrating each congregational Holy Communion 2 times on every occasion.

*Feb. 4.*

3. Augustus Holland, a single man who united with the Methodists some time ago (see the minutes of September 19, 1849, paragraph 2), applies for readmission. The A. Conf. grants this.

4. Catechetical instruction is being attended by the following young people: Adel. Kluge, Harriet Hege, Ernestina Spach, Amel. Van Vleck, Eugen Clewell, Jos. Hall, Edwin Butner, Massa Warner, Francis Houser, Aug. Pfahl, and Roswell Womack. In addition to them 2 non-Moravian girls have asked for permission to be present at it, namely: Julia West and Esther

Linthicum. By attending instruction the 2 last-named do not acquire any claim to become members of our congregation.

*Feb. 19.*

3. On English Sundays during Lent liturgical services will be held in connection with the German Singstunden. Br. Herman will inquire from Br. Mallalieu regarding liturgy books in English and other Moravian publications in English.

4. Since Julia West and Esther Linthicum have lived in our members' families for years and have enjoyed all privileges like other children of the congregation, the conference believed that they could be regarded in a different light than entire strangers and that an exception could be made in the matter of the 3 months period of waiting. They are, therefore, to be considered as being on a par with the other young people who are attending instruction. All of them may attend the next Communion as witnesses.

5. The local school committee wishes that young Br. Parmenio Leinbach, at present attending our theological seminary at Nazareth, should not be given an appointment elsewhere, but should be designated for our town school. Since the negotiations regarding his studies had been carried on by the A. Conf. in the absence of a majority of the Provincial Helper (see the minutes of July 26, 1848, paragraph 9), Br. Herman will write to the P.H.C. in Bethlehem about this.

*Feb. 25.*

9. A new ode is to be prepared for use on Great Sabbath.

*March 10.*

2. With regard to Br. Julius Steiner the A. Conf. considers it desirable to have steps taken to enable his father, Br. Abrah. Steiner, to take over the deed of trust covering the coachmaker's shop, since the time has come to exclude said Jul. Steiner from the congregation.

4. The difficulties that are sometimes encountered in securing pall bearers were discussed. Among other things this results in the head Saaldiener's always serving as a pall bearer and thus being unable to preserve order as would be desirable on occasion. The A. Conf., therefore, entertained the idea of proposing to the next congregation council that the members take regular turns in bearing the corpses, as is the case in our other congrega-

tions. Everyone who would be unwilling to take his turn would be assessed 25 cts., and with this the head Saaldiener would procure a substitute.

*March 17.*

2. With regard to paragraph 4 [of the preceding minutes] it should be noted that by Br. Cooper's express desire the idea therein contained was not submitted to the congregation council when it met last Monday.

3. Br. Herman communicated a letter from Br. Jacobson with regard to Br. Parmenio Leinbach. He speaks in high terms of this young brother, but indicates at the same time that an effort would be made to keep him for the Hall [Nazareth Hall]. The final decision, however, would be left to the young brother himself. Therefore, the local school committee will take further steps to send him a call to service in the town school.

The A. Conf. requested that the fraternal greeting sent to it in that letter be cordially returned.

*March 24.*

3. Heinrich Laudeck, a widower, cherishes a desire to unite with our congregation. The matter will be reconsidered after a period of at least 3 months.

4. With regard to a complaint concerning the poor attendance of our children at German services, the conference did not know what to advise, since the older members, though more familiar with German than our children, do not attend them either.

5. Examination will be held in the Girls' Boarding School on May 27 and 28 and in the Town School for Little Boys on June 3 or 4.

7. The reading services during Passion Week will be held in English.

*March 31.*

3. The A. Confz. is willing to grant permission to the Single Sr. Matilda Phillips to move into the choir house on a trial basis. Since no fault can be found as to her character, her further stay in it will depend on her ability to earn her support.

*April 7.*

It is clear from letters from Br. Parmenio Leinbach that the P.H.C. in Bethlehem together with the Inspector of Nazareth Hall has, as it were, compelled this brother to accept a position as teacher in the Hall, and this procedure is completely contrary

to the statement which the P.H.C. made officially, that it was to be left to said brother to decide whether he preferred an appointment in Salem or in the Hall. Therefore, Br. Herman will write to the P.A.C. at Bethlehem in the name of the Wachovia P.H.C. to protest against this procedure. The brethren of the local A. Conf. will associate themselves with this action.

*April 21.*

3. Br. Alanson Emmerson Wohlfahrt desires to be united in holy matrimony with the Single Sr. Eliza Rothaas this evening at  $\frac{1}{2}$  8 o'clock. The A. Conf. gives its blessing to this. On Sunday, April 25, the ordination of Br. Wohlfahrt as a deacon of the Moravian church will take place and the following Wednesday the reception of Sr. Wohlfahrt as an acoluth.

*April 28.*

After the Married Sr. Julian[a] Eliza Wohlfahrt, who has been called to serve among the Cherokees, had been received as an acoluth in the usual solemn manner and with her dear husband had been commended in some stanzas to the Lord for His blessing, the A. Conf. took up its usual business, following the withdrawal of this couple.

3. Br. Parmenio Leinbach at Nazareth has stated that by his own free choice he prefers an appointment to the Hall and would, therefore, be unable to come to Salem as teacher in the Town School for Little Boys.

The A. Conf. discussed the school situation at length, particularly as regards the School for Infants and the 3rd class of the Town School for Little Boys. Among the rest the idea was broached whether it would not be practical under certain conditions to transfer the said 3rd class to the charge of a sister as a private school, together with other little boys who have hitherto attended the School for Infants, when they reach the age of 7. But no further decisions were reached.

*May 5.*

3. Sr. Leanna Schaub takes Sr. Lydia Fockel's place as Saaldienerin.

4. Martha Hughes, a married woman, applies for permission to join the congregation. Since she is only 16 years old [and] has married earlier than is permitted by our rules, the A. Conf. thought it best to postpone any further consideration of her wish until she will have become 18.

*May 26.*

2. The following 11 Little Girls should be admitted to the Older Girls' Choir, it being understood that they may continue to attend school if this should be desired: Maria Boner, Maria Häussler, Mary Jane Vogler, Sarah Butner, Eliza Blum, Caroline Spach, Margaret Sievers, Eliza Vierling, Antoinette Hauser, Leanna Reich, and Amelia Steiner.

3. The Older Girl Elisabeth Sievers will move into the girls' room in the Sisters' House when she leaves the Girls' Boarding School.

4. On Whitsunday the preaching service will be in English.

*June 23.*

3. On Wednesday evening, June 2, the Single Br. George Swink and the Single Sr. Augusta Hall were married by Br. Bahnsen, with the prior knowledge and approval of the brethren of the A.C.

8. Since the 4th of July falls on a Sunday, a Singstunde with special music is to be held in the evening.

*July 28.*

5. The Single Sr. Annette Clewell has moved into the Sisters' House.

*Aug. 11.*

3. [A Single Sr.] has been excluded from our congregation in view of her enforced marriage to a non-Moravian.

*Sept. 8.*

6. The Single Sisters' Pflegerin at Herrnhut has forwarded to the local A.C. a testimonial regarding the Single Sr. Johanna Christina Jungmichel, who has left Herrnhut for Texas to marry dear Br. Vetter.

*Sept. 22.*

5. The Single Sr. Matilda Phillips has moved into the Sisters' House. The A. Conf. gives its approval for this in accordance with an earlier decision regarding this matter (see the minutes of March 31, 1852, paragraph 3).

*Oct. 6.*

6. Br. James Schulz has begun to be active as a sacristan.

*Oct. 20.*

3. [A Single Sr.] has been excluded from the congregation because of sexual immorality.

4. Br. and Sr. John Boykins with their 2 children have left for the West.

6. On Sunday afternoon, the 24th, a farewell lovefeast is to be held for Sr. Hüffel in the presence of the members of the A. Conf., her choir attending.

7. Sr. Hüffel asked for the opinion of the A. Conf. regarding the Single Sr. Sarah Lathrop's continuing to stay here. The A. Conf. unanimously expressed its opinion that, though one had no right to oust her from the Sisters' House, it would be most undesirable for her to continue to remain there after Sr. Hüffel's departure.

*Nov. 10.*

2. The dear Sr. Friedericka Hüffel, former laboress in the Single Sisters' Choir, left for York on Monday, November 1, accompanied by the Single Sr. Sarah Lathrop.

4. Carl Werner, a married man, desires to join our congregation here with his wife. Inquiries will first be made through our correspondent on the U.A.C. regarding these persons, who have come here from Christiansfeld. Meantime they may partake of the Holy Communion at the festival of November 13.

5. Since it had been decided some time ago to dedicate our little church at Mount Bethel on November 25, the day quite recently recommended by the governor for observance as Thanksgiving Day, and all necessary preparations have been made for this, the A. Conf. considered it most appropriate to observe Thanksgiving Day on Sunday, November 21.

*Nov. 17.*

4. The Single Brn. James and Francis Häussler have left for the West.

*Dec. 1.*

3. Because of his notoriously bad conduct, the A. Conf. considers Nath. Thomas Fetter, a single man formerly belonging to the local congregation, as excluded from the congregation.

*Dec. 15.*

3. The chairman communicated the following item, which seems quite particularly to fall within the province of the A.

Conf., it being one of a number of matters contained in a memorandum from the elected members of the local school committee, namely:

Does the school committee have the right completely to do away with the long established regulations and arrangements of our school system and appoint a person in whom all have complete confidence as head teacher, assuring him of the entire proceeds from the school fees that are to be paid and also giving him full authority to fill the teaching positions under him according to his discretion and the circumstances? It would in so doing renounce all further control and be rid of all further responsibility.

The A. Conf. was unanimously of the opinion that the school committee had no such right, but that such change could be carried out only by the proper congregational authorities.

*Dec. 22.*

2. Br. Pfohl reported that all the brethren and sisters who were active in the music of the congregation were willing to give up their privilege of sitting in the organ gallery. A key will be made for every brother who plays the organ in the services, so that he would have free access to the organ as circumstances may require.

The A. Conf. agreed to request the A. Coll. to attend to this matter.

4. The Little Girls Mary Eliza and Anna Sophia Vogler, children of our Br. and Sr. Miles Vogler, the former in the Girls' Boarding School and the latter staying at Sr. Lucinda Bagge's, should be counted as belonging to the local congregation.

5. The Widowed Sr. Elisth. James of Friedberg, employed in the kitchen of the local Sisters' House, desires to participate in our congregational meetings. Permission for this is of course gladly given her.

6. On December 25 and 26 the preaching service will be in English for the sake of the young people, who prefer English. The children's Christmas vigil service will be held as usual at  $\frac{1}{2}$  5 P.M. and the main vigil service at 7 o'clock. The last mentioned will be in German as in the past.

*Minutes of the Land Arbeiter Conferenz For the Year 1852*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Feb. 5.*

2. In future a monthly report will be communicated to this conference from the little congregation in the mountains also. It will have the name of Mount Bethel.

3. Sr. Louisa Butner has agreed to conform to a certain extent as a result of an interview which Br. Hermann had with her in Br. Oerter's presence. So she still will be counted as a member of the congregation.

4. The monthly reports were communicated; regarding them the following should perhaps be noted:

c. *Friedberg* and *Hope*. Dec. and Jan. The committee of that place wishes to introduce the English hymnbook at all services and generally to enliven the singing more. To this end a Singstunde is held twice each month on Saturday afternoon.

d. *Friedland*. Dec. and Jan. Many attended the Christmas celebration and participated in it reverently. Since no lovefeast was held this year, they had come to the Saal without having been attracted by it.

e. *Philadelphia* and *Mount Bethel*. Dec. and Jan. Br. Siewers gave an oral report.

In the mountains Br. Siewers made an encouraging visit in December despite very severe weather. Our members there have taken preliminary steps towards building a meeting-house for their use; they have the full approval of the P.H.C., which desires the Lord's blessing and the interest of our church for them in this.

f. *The Negro Parish*. Dec. and Jan. On December 7 a blessed celebration of the Holy Communion took place, conducted by Br. Saml. Thoms. Pfohl, since Br. Byhan was not well. Jesse, who had been received into the little congregation, participated for the first time. Betty Jane witnessed it as a candidate.

The little group consists of 16 communicants, 1 noncommunicant, and 5 children.

6. Salome Lusinda Rothrock, who formerly belonged to the congregation at Friedberg, desires to be permitted to join

Bethania. Br. Hagen will endeavor to obtain information regarding her conduct and report to the conference.

7. Phillip Kerner and Isam Bowles wish to join the congregation at Friedland, the former by confirmation, the latter by baptism. Since Br. Rights gives them a good testimonial, the Prov. Helf. Confz. granted their request, with the proviso that the committee at Friedland agree to this.

*March 4.*

2. The reports of the congregations were communicated; regarding them the following should perhaps be noted:

b. *Bethania.*

Although the pastor of Bethania has for a considerable time preached at Crooked Run on a certain Sunday each month, a Protestant Methodist has been pleased to arrange for regular meetings on the same day, so that these now coincide.

5. Daniel Fishel again wishes to be readmitted. The Prov. Helf. Conf. gives its consent with the express statement that it fully approves the advice given him by the committee at Friedberg to abstain completely from drinking. As soon as he should again transgress in this respect and give offense, his probation period would end and he would have to leave the church immediately.

6. Philip Rominger and his wife also applied for readmission. The committee at Friedberg has no objection regarding them. The Prov. Helf. Confz. also gives its consent, though counseling them earnestly to be more heedful in attending the services and more diligent regarding sobriety, should there formerly have been any neglect of this.

7. Calvin Transu and wife, mainly because the latter's relatives belong to Hope, wish to join the congregation at that place. Although the conference was not entirely satisfied as to the purity of their intentions in uniting with Hope and would have rather had them stay with Philadelphia since they live in that neighborhood, yet it did not believe it would be right to place any difficulties in their way, and the Prov. Helf. Confz. approved this request.

8. Jacob Leibenguth, formerly of Friedland, also wishes to join Hope, and the Prov. Hlf. Confz. grants his request.

9. Br. Hagen submitted to the conference the desire of a number of members of his congregation to undertake a kind of

prayer meeting for mutual admonition in the Saal on Sunday afternoons. In it brethren could speak and pray in turn, as their hearts would impel them. Similar meetings have been held hitherto in private homes in the evening. Br. Hagen would prefer to see them changed to one held during the daytime in the Saal. Since no time was left, the conference decided to postpone the matter to the next time.

*April 1.*

2. In connection with paragraph 7 [of the minutes of March 4], the conference decided to request the committee at Hope to set the contribution of the members at \$2.00 per annum, as is the case at Philadelphia.

3. The reports of the congregations were communicated; regarding them the following should perhaps be noted:

c. *Friedberg and Hope.* At Hope a Sunday School has been organized.

d. *Philadelphia and Mount Bethel.* A question as to whether the permission of the parents is absolutely necessary under all circumstances for the performance of the marriage even of their children who have reached full age was answered in the negative by the conference.

4. The proposed prayer meetings on Sunday afternoons in the Saal at Friedberg, mentioned in the last conference session (see the minutes of March 5 [March 4], paragraph 9), were then discussed. It is the idea that the pastor alone and exclusively should retain charge of them, but that anyone would be permitted to attend them, whether a member of our church or not. The conference, however, was as yet unable to consent to having them instituted.

*May 6.*

2. The reports of the congregations were communicated; regarding them the following should perhaps be noted:

a. *Bethabara.* Here, as in all of the country congregations in our neighborhood, the Passion Week was observed in the solemn manner customary among us. Unfortunately our brethren were in no small measure prevented from attending these beautiful services by the Superior Court held in Winston.

b. *Bethania.* On April 14, the funeral took place of the married Sr. Mary Houser, a faithful soul, but one severely tried.

d. *Friedland*, for March and April. Br. Rights regularly holds divine service at Kernersville and in the poorhouse in addition to Friedland and Waughtown. —He also has begun on his return from the poorhouse in Winston to preach in the meetinghouse of the Protestant Methodists in accordance with their offer.

e. *Philadelphia and Mount Bethel*. On Easter Sunday the funeral of the married Br. Petrus Transu took place. Br. Siewers visited in the mountains from April 12 to 28. Sr. Siewers accompanied him thither; she will remain among our members in the mountains until his next visit, to make them familiar to some extent with our tunes.

3. Elisabeth Tesh, m. n. Evans, a married woman, applies for permission to join the congregation at Friedberg; as also does Jane Spach, a single woman. The Prov. Helf. Confz. approves, provided the committee of that place accepts them. Similarly Emilie Styers and Carolina Painter, single women, wish to be incorporated by baptism in the congregation at Hope. Since the latter is in service here in town, she will have to be given proper instruction by a brother at this place. The Prov. Helf. Confz. approves, providing the Hope committee agrees.

5. The proposed prayer meetings at Friedberg, which have repeatedly been referred to (see the minutes of March and April), were again discussed. The matter was referred to the Prov. Helf. Confz. for final decision.

*June 3.*

2. The reports of the congregations were communicated; regarding them the following should perhaps be noted:

c. *Friedberg and Hope*. In Hope the anniversary of the Forsyth County S. S. Union was observed on Sunday the 16th, attended by a large crowd.

3. As regards the question concerning the policy to be followed as to the place at which the children of our members should be baptized, the conference was unanimously of the opinion that such baptism should take place in the Saal as a rule.

4. The election of the committee at Friedberg has been held again. New members are: the Brethren John Knauss and Daniel Spach. The Prov. Helf. Confz. gave its approval to this election.

6. In reply to an inquiry, the dear pastors of the country congregations declared themselves willing and ready to distribute

little tracts among their members in the name of the Salem Tract Society.

*July 1.*

2. The reports of the congregations were communicated; regarding them the following should perhaps be noted:

a. *Bethabara.* Due to rheumatic pains which prevented him from writing, Br. Oerter rendered an oral report.

4. Br. Hagen reports that the site has been determined for the new church at Mount Bethel.

5. Joseph Butner and his wife have stated, without giving any reason, that they do not wish to belong to our church any longer. One will just have to let them go.

*Aug. 5.*

After brief introductory devotions the reports of the respective congregations were communicated; regarding them the following should perhaps be noted:

c. *Friedberg and Hope.* On the 31st the first prayer meeting was held in the Saal in which members of the congregation also took an active part by means of short exhortations and prayers. In future, in accordance with the wish of the committee, the Brotherly Agreement is to be read and explained in these meetings.

e. *Philadelphia and Mount Bethel.* In Philadelphia a Sunday School was organized on July 4.

Parson Vaughn, a married man, wishes to be baptized; Nancy Marshall, a widow, and Emily Cloud, a single person, also desire holy baptism. Since nothing seems to stand in the way of the desire of these persons, the Prov. H. Confz. leaves it to Br. Siewers to act in whatever way circumstances may lead him.

As a result of political elections discord seems to be showing itself in our little group at Mount Bethel, which threatens to be detrimental to their brotherly love.

3. Salomon Tesch desires to be confirmed at Friedberg, and his wife Melina, m. n. Perriman, and also John Painter to be baptized. The Prov. H. Confz. approved, since the Friedberg committee had no objection.

*Sept. 2.*

4. The wish of the married Br. Friedrich William Holland, one of the nonresident members of Salem, to belong to Friedberg with his children was reported to the pastor of Friedberg.

5. Should Br. Siewers on his next visit to the mountains be convinced that it would be practicable and desirable to dedicate the church at Mount Bethel before the coming of the cold weather, this ceremony could take place, the Lord willing, on Friday and Saturday, October 20 and 21.

*Nov. 11.*

3. The reports of the congregations for September and October were communicated; regarding them the following should perhaps be noted:

b. *Bethania.* From October 8 to 12 a protracted meeting was held at Pfafftown at which the Methodist preachers living in the neighborhood took part, as also most of the Moravian preachers.

c. *Friedberg and Hope.* Along Muddy Creek, 4 to 5 miles below Friedberg, a new field for Moravian activity appears to be opening. Brn. Hagen and Rights had repeatedly held preaching services and prayer meetings there, and 22 persons apply through Br. Hagen for membership in our church.

e. *Philadelphia and Mount Bethel.* Br. Siewers visited in the mountains from September 16 to 30. On this occasion the widowed Sr. Nancy Marshall received holy baptism. Br. Siewers visited in the mountains from October 11 to 20. On this visit the married Br. Wiley Parson Vaughn was baptized into the death of Jesus.

4. Br. Oerter reported that a communicant Single Sister had been excluded from the church because of sexual misdemeanors.

5. Similarly Br. Grunert stated that [a Single Sister] had lost her membership in the church because of her forced marriage to a non-Moravian.

6. Regarding the 22 persons living along Muddy Creek, who wish to join our church, the conference advised Br. Hagen for the present to continue giving them instruction, as he has already begun to do.

7. The dedication of the church at Mount Bethel is set for November 24 and 25, the Lord willing. This [was done] before it was known that the governor [Governor David S. Reid] has recommended November 25 to be a day of thanksgiving. —With-

out the wish to prescribe anything to the respective ministers, they were informed that in Salem the harvest preaching service, etc., will be held on Sunday, November 21.

*Dec. 10.*

2. The reports of the respective congregations for the month of November were communicated; regarding them the following should perhaps be noted:

a. *Bethabara*. On the 25th, as the Thanksgiving Day recommended by the governor, public divine worship was held, which, however, was poorly attended.

b. *Bethania*. On November 21 the harvest preaching service was held and in the afternoon the anniversary of the Home Missionary Society, on which occasion a collection of \$4.33 was gathered.

c. *Friedland*. On the 26th Br. Rights had occasion to preach to a large crowd of people at the execution of a negro slave who had killed his master. The harvest preaching service was held on November 28.

d. *Friedberg*. The harvest sermon was delivered on November 28 in connection with the one in observance of our entering upon the blessed Advent season. Old George Knauss was readmitted on his sickbed and, following his confirmation, strengthened by the enjoyment of the Holy Communion. Since he appears to have repented and the committee approved this action, the conference raises no objection to it.

e. *Philadelphia and Mount Bethel*. Br. Siewers visited in the mountains from November 15 to December 1. The solemn dedication of the little church at Mount Bethel took place there on the 24th and 25th. At present this little congregation consists of 31 communicant members and 5 baptized children. Reynold McMillion and Patsy Hiatt desire to be considered as candidates for holy baptism.

3. [A sister] belonging to Bethabara is said to be leading a bad life. The matter is to be investigated.

5. Nancy Spach, m. n. Hanes, a married woman, wishes to be incorporated in the congregation at Friedberg by baptism. The committee is in agreement with this, as is the conference.

6. On the 2nd Christmas day, Sunday the 26th, Br. Hagen intends to conduct service at Muddy Creek instead of at Friedberg. On this occasion the following persons wish to be incorporated in the church by holy baptism: Sally Brewer and

Nancy Brown, married women; the widow Elisabeth Thompson; and Emily Cornish, Mary Ann Phelps, and Merian Ellis, single persons; also by confirmation: Ruben Brewer, Berril Brown, and Jacob Essig, and Sarah Ellis, married persons. The conference could not but believe the admission of these persons to be somewhat precipitate; but since the minister concerned definitely declared that he considered them as entirely suitable candidates who could just as well participate at this time in these means of grace as following a longer probation, the conference did not wish to stand in the way of the matter and gave it its blessing.

7. In reply to the preliminary question whether anything would still stand in the way of Jonathan Lauder's and his wife's uniting with our church in consequence of a certain lawsuit, Br. Rights received a negative answer.

*Diary of the Salem Congregation For the Year 1852*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 1.* Unhappily a company of traveling dancers, male and female, had found lodging in one of our inns (the newest). They exhibited their accomplishments this evening. It was a somewhat dubious beginning for a new year.

*Jan. 4.* In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the Female Missionary Society had held its semiannual meeting.

*Jan. 11.* The Sunday School was omitted since Br. Bahnsen delivered an address in the negro church, at Br. Byhan's request, at the funeral of the negro Charles, belonging to our Br. Fries, Sr.

[*Jan. 14.*] On Wednesday the 14th a young man named Elle-good drowned while skating on Br. Edw. Belo's paper dam. He had been warned not to cross the whole dam, but did it anyway and succumbed, partly due to the cold, before help could be given him. Br. Jac. Siewers held his funeral on Friday before a large gathering in the new Methodist church in Winston.

*Jan. 17.* Today the local Young Men's Missionary Society celebrated its anniversary in the usual way. Br. Eug. Clewell communicated an interesting annual report. The collection amounted to thirty and some dollars.

[Jan. 18.] During the course of the week we had very cold weather so that the services were omitted. On Tuesday the 20th some thermometers showed 2 degrees below zero. A young man who carried the mail between here and Martinsville on horseback is said to have frozen to death. Colds were the order of the day among old and young.

*Jan. 25.* At the same time the Single Br. Livingston Clinard was baptized and received the name of Nathanael.

*Feb. 1.* Thereafter the baptism took place of Henry Nathaniel Ackermann, the little son of our Br. and Sr. Alex. Ackermann.

*Feb. 4.* Today at 1 P.M. the funeral was conducted of the Little Boy William Holland Hauser, who fell peacefully asleep on January 30.

*Feb. 11.* At his request Wells, a Quaker, was allowed to hold a service in the Saal. He edified the congregation with a truly evangelical address on John 14:12. He had been a missionary among the Shawnees for a number of years and was well acquainted with our missionaries who are active along the Kansas River.

*Feb. 20.* The evening service was omitted because there was an entertainment in the school.

*March 2.* At 3 o'clock the funeral was conducted of the Little Girl Sarah Jane Boner, who fell peacefully asleep yesterday morning.

*March 7.* In the evening Br. Herman communicated the annual reports of N. Springplace and Canaan.

*March 11.* In the evening the local Tract Society held its annual meeting.

*March 27.* Today Br. Herman had the misfortune to fall in his yard and to injure himself considerably, particularly his nose.

*April 4. Palm Sunday.* At 3 P.M. the same brother [Br. Bahnsen] conducted the baptism of an adult and the confirmation of 9 young people. The Older Girl Julia Ann Vest was baptized. Confirmed were the Single Brn. Eugen Clewell, Jos. Hall, and Edwin Butner (of Bethabara), and the Older Boy Massa Warner; the Single Sr. Harriet Hege of Friedberg and Adelaide

Kluge; the Older Girls Ernestina Spach, Amelia Van Vleck, and Esther Linthicum.

*April 5.* Br. Bahnsen conducted the reading service. Unhappily, since the Superior Court was held in Winston, the number of brethren present at all services during the week was very small.

*April 7.* At 3 in the afternoon the funeral was conducted of the Married Sr. Louisa Brendel, m. n. Schulz, who fell peacefully asleep yesterday morning. On this occasion Br. Bahnsen spoke in English on the doctrinal text for yesterday. A certain Leech shot another man named Wiggin at the courthouse. The wounded man was brought to Salem as soon as it could be done. Both of these persons are from Lexington, but are little credit to their home town.

*April 9. [Good Friday.]* Unhappily the court continued in session. A free negro was tried for stealing negroes, etc. There were a great many people there, and a large number of our brethren had to be present as jurymen. Therefore, the services were quite poorly attended on the brethren's side.

*April 11. Easter.* A  $\frac{1}{4}$  past 5 o'clock a large crowd of people assembled. Br. Herman led them in praying the Easter litany.

*April 12.* Today the local Bible Society celebrated its anniversary, but unhappily only few were there.

*April 17.* The Forsyth Sunday School Union observed its anniversary today, but unhappily little interest was shown. Indifference prevails to an appalling extent everywhere. No denomination except our own takes any interest in these benevolent and truly Christian organizations. Of course, this remark applies to our neighborhood only.

*April 21.* Today the Single Br. Alanson Emmerson Wohlfahrt was united in holy matrimony with the Single Sr. Juliane Eliza Rothhaas by Br. Bahnsen. The wedding took place at  $\frac{1}{2}$  8 o'clock in the little Saal.

*April 25.* In the evening Br. Alanson E. Wohlfahrt was ordained a deacon of the Moravian church by Br. Herman. This solemn congregational service, which was held in English, was well attended.

*April 29.* At 1/2 5 the funeral was held of the Married Sr. Benigna Elis. Fetter, m. n. Christman, who yesterday quite suddenly fell peacefully asleep.

*May 3.* Today Br. and Sr. Wohlfahrt left on their journey to the Cherokee mission, accompanied by our best wishes for their blessing.

*May 9.* At 2 o'clock Br. Bahnsen conducted the festival love-feast [of the Single Sisters' Choir] while Br. Herman sang from the choir gallery the solos assigned to the officiating minister.

*May 11.* Today Br. and Sr. Beitel left here for the West. Br. and Sr. White had already started for there earlier on.

*May 20. Ascension Day.* Especially on the brethren's side the attendance at the services was extraordinarily poor. The approaching examination involves a very busy time for nearly all. But it is a pity to neglect the services for that reason.

*May 21.* Today the examination of the School for Infants took place in the Saal. It afforded general satisfaction. Sr. Sophie Pfohl's patience and faithfulness are to be admired.

*May 27 and 28.* The public examination was held in the Girls' Boarding School, to which many non-Moravians had come. Some of them became intoxicated at our inns and behaved shamefully, to their own disgrace and not to Salem's honor.

*May 31.* Today the seminannual meeting of the local Home Missionary Society was held. Unhappily only a few were present.

*June 4.* Today the examination was held in our Town School for Little Boys. On the whole it proved satisfactory to the parents.

*June 10.* Today Br. and Sr. Eugen Hartvig arrived here from St. Thomas. They will retire here.

*June 28.* Today the usual instruction began again in the Town School for Little Boys.

*July 1.* Today the candidates for the governor's office delivered speeches in the square. John Kerr and the present governor, Mr. Reid, spoke for 5 hours. How few people would let religion be preached to them for such a time without becoming impatient.

*July 3.* This afternoon Br. and Sr. Miles Vogler arrived safely in our midst. They have been called from the West Indies to serve among the Cherokees.

*July 4.* Br. Herman led in praying the litany in German. Br. Bahnsen preached on this national holiday on John 8:36 to a large and attentive gathering. At 8 o'clock in the evening Br. Herman conducted a musical [instrumental] Singstunde.

*July 18.* Very many went to a camp meeting held at Blackburn's—probably not really to hear the word of God preached in purity and with fidelity, but having what they consider a good excuse to take a trip and to see a crowd of people. —Br. Miles Vogler delivered the sermon in English on Gal. 6:14 to a large gathering. He did not seem to feel quite comfortable in our pulpit.

*July 25.* Unhappily a camp meeting with its attraction. Is it of the right kind?

*Aug. 5.* Today the elections were held in our state. One had to go to Winston. Nearly all of the brethren who had gathered for the Land Gemein Arbeiter Conf. drove to Winston in a four-horse carriage sent for the purpose, to exercise their right to vote and to do their duty as good citizens.

*Aug. 8.* At 3 o'clock Br. Herman conducted the preparatory service for the celebration of August 13. Unhappily very many of our members were missing. Some of them had gone to Winston where a preaching service was held. Of love for the church so little is to be observed in many.

*Aug. 19.* Today our Br. Kluge left for Tennessee on a business trip.

*Aug. 22.* This week was marked by almost uninterrupted rainy weather. The streams rose very high and caused considerable damage. Although the Wach was not as high as 2 years ago, the Yadkin rose more than 4 feet higher than then.

*Aug. 29.* At 10 a preaching service was held in English. Mr. Adam Gilchrist of Fayetteville preached on James 1:15. A good gathering.

*Sept. 5.* Following the preaching service Br. Herman baptized a little child of our Br. and Sr. Traugott Chitty's.

*Sept. 16.* Today at 3½ P.M. the funeral was held of the Single Sr. Dorothea Brösing, who fell asleep the day before yesterday suddenly and unexpectedly as the result of a stroke.

*Sept. 24.* In the evening Br. Herman conducted a musical [instrumental] Singstunde, since today was the celebration of the so-called chapel festival.

*Sept. 29.* Br. Samuel Warner, who has been called to the Cherokee mission, left to journey thither, together with the Cherokee brother Archibald Henry. Br. Nath. Blum, who is going to west Tennessee with 2 daughters of our Br. Senseman, accompanied him.

*Oct. 3.* At 12½ o'clock Br. Herman baptized the little daughter of our Br. and Sr. E. [sic] Zevely, giving her the name of Adelia Elisabeth. In the evening Br. Herman and the congregation joined in the liturgical service No. 55; following this he conducted a service for those brn. and srs. who are active in any manner among our young people.

*Oct. 7.* Today the anniversary was celebrated of the local Society for Propagating the Gospel Among the Heathen. There were 25 brethren in the first service. Unhappily there is no general interest.

*Oct. 11.* Br. Herman left on a trip to Pennsylvania.

*Oct. 14.* Today a mulatto was found guilty of the murder of his master. His name is Charles and that of his owner was John Yokely. Very many people were in the courthouse.

*Oct. 17* Br. Bahnsen preached in German on Mark 5:36, and thereafter baptized a little child of our Br. and Sr. Miles Vogler.

*Oct. 22.* Br. Bahnsen conducted a baptism (Traugott Christ's little son).

*Oct. 29.* Br. Bahnsen conducted the baptism of two little children of Br. and Sr. D. Clewell's and Br. and Sr. Wm. Leinbach's.

*Oct. 31.* At 2 o'clock in the Saal the same brother [Br. Bahnsen] in the presence of the A. Conf. conducted the farewell love-feast of the Single Sisters' Choir for our dear Sr. Hüffel. That same evening, following the liturgy for the Church Triumphant,

in which Br. Kluge and the congregation joined, she was commended to the blessing of the Lord.

*Nov. 1.* Today our dear Sr. Hüffel left with the Single Sr. Sarah Lathrop, accompanied by Br. Augustus Fockel, with York as her first destination. Our best wishes for their blessing accompany them.

*Nov. 2.* The service was omitted today. The presidential election was held. But it was altogether quiet so that an evening service could very well have been held.

*Nov. 9.* Br. Herman returned from the North.

*Nov. 21.* At 10 o'clock Br. Bahnsen conducted the Thanksgiving service, preaching on Psalm 126:3.

The evening services were omitted this week. The Brn. Herman and Bahnsen went to Mount Bethel with the Brn. Hagen and Grunert, where the solemn dedication of the church took place on the 24th and 25th. Unhappily the weather was most unfavorable and prevented a good attendance at the services during those days.

*Nov. 26.* The execution took place of Charles, a negro slave, who had killed his owner. He died as a repentant sinner and, as we think we have reason to believe, a pardoned one. Though the roads and the weather were bad, a large crowd of people had gathered. Br. Rights preached on Isaiah 29:15 on this dreadfully moving occasion.

*Dec. 16.* Soon after 6 P.M. the Married Br. Johann Renatus Schmidt fell asleep very suddenly and unexpectedly. He had been stationed among the Indians in Canada and also in the West, also among the negroes here in Salem and also in Bethabara.

*Dec. 29.* The baptism was conducted of little John Henry Schulz, the little son of Br. Wm. Schulz.

*Memorabilia of the Salem Congregation For the Year 1852.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

The past year has been a year of our God's rich blessing and thousandfold mercies, love, and faithfulness. He who "set His

bow in the cloud" as a token that "while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" has this year too bestowed rich gifts for the preservation of our lives by His liberal, fatherly hand. Even the weather was so favorable for the growing and thriving of the fruits of the fields and the gardens that we were able to gather a harvest that was richer than usual.

No less do we feel ourselves called to heartfelt gratitude to the Guardian of our lives for His graciously preserving us from loss by fire and destructive floods. Although the more important streams in our neighborhood became so swollen as the result of sudden heavy downpours in the month of August that they caused some damage and loss in the bottom lands, yet this was not generally the case and enough remained of God's abundant gifts to reduce the prices of the most essential commodities considerably below the level of the last 2 years. We have also been graciously preserved from infectious diseases. Cholera, which cropped up at some spots in our wide land, affected neither our town nor vicinity nor the borders of our state. We recognize as a special mercy the fact that though various occasions for disturbance were not lacking during the course of the year, we with our fellow citizens and inhabitants of all of our United States could enjoy precious peace.

The elections in our state as also for the president of the United States, in which we took part with befitting interest, went off in the usual manner without causing any real interruption in social relations or leaving behind them any disturbing consequences.

To no less degree has the interest been kept alive which was aroused some years ago in the spiritual needs of many who are close to us, but who live in great ignorance of divine truth. The 4 societies formed here for these purposes a considerable time ago or more recently to promote missions among the heathen or among nominal Christians in our immediate or more remote neighborhood, the Bible and tract societies, have been able to continue their activity this year too. Gratifying interest was shown not only in connection with the regular semiannual collections on behalf of our foreign missions, but also by gifts contributed for the erection of a Moravian church at Ward's Gap, which was solemnly dedicated on November 24 and 25.

The mission to the Cherokees, which is especially close to our hearts, received important reinforcements this year. Br.

and Sr. Miles Vogler of St. Kitts, who had been called thither under our Lord's leading and had arrived here at the beginning of July, left on their journey in the month of November, following an extended stay in our midst. Even before that Br. and Sr. Alanson Welfare had left for the same destination some months ago, Br. Welfare's health having shown improvement. So did also the Single Br. Samuel S. Warner, who had been called as a teacher and assistant missionary. He was accompanied by the Indian brother Archibald Henry, who had stayed among us for a time, chiefly for the sake of his health and also to perfect himself in the use of English.

The little negro congregation here has been served uninterruptedly with the Word and sacrament this year again. As far as circumstances permitted, the attempt was continued each Sunday to give the young people and children correct knowledge of spiritual truth.

On several occasions we have had word from a number of brethren and sisters who are connected with our church and who last year had emigrated from Germany to Texas. Some of them had suffered from attacks of fever, partly of a very severe type, but were again convalescing. The cholera raging in the neighborhood of Bastrop, where most of them were living at the time, had not attacked any of them. Though they were scattered, they kept up their connection by frequent visits, but they felt keenly their being deprived of the Holy Communion. Their number might amount to 20 souls.

The changes which have taken place in the Girls' Boarding School are the following: the Srs. Fr. Pfahl, Francisca Benzien, Emma Senseman, Elisabeth Haynes, and Adelaide Banner left its service; the Srs. Lisetta Van Vleck, Ellen Blickensderfer, Margt. Morrow, Theoph. Welfare, and Carol. Siewers entered it. At the close of the year the number of the boarders amounted to 180. Since January, 1852, 121 new girls entered.

*Personalia of the Congregation in Salem For the Year 1852.*

1. There were 18 infants born and baptized:

9 Little Boys :

Isaac Gottlieb Boner

Henry Nathanael Ackermann

Edward Jacob Blum

John Vanneman Blum

Gustav Adolph Haman Crist

Wm. Edwd. Clewell

Francis Leopold Sussdorf

Clarence Theodore Spach

John Henry Schulz

## 9 Little Girls:

Ann Elisabeth Reich	Bertha Elis. Shore
Mary Louisa Bölow	Emma Christina Fries
Caroline Isabella Chitty	Adelia Elis. Zevely
Emma Caroline Vogler	Elmira Cornelia Leinbach

Agnes Cornelia Bölow

In addition the following were baptized: The Single Br. Livingston Nathanael Clinard and the Older Girl Julia Ann Vest

A total of 20.

2. There were 6 persons who departed this life: ["Went home"]  
4 adults and 2 children

The Married Br. Johann Renatus Schmidt
The Married Srs. Maria Louisa Brendel and Benigna Sophia Fetter
The Single Sr. Johanna Dorothea Brösing
The Little Boy William Holland Hauser
The Girl Sarah Jane Boner

3. There were 2 couples who were married:

The Single Br. Alanson Emmerson Wohlfahrt to
The Single Sr. Juliana Eliza Rothhaas
The Single Br. George Mumford Swink to
The Single Sr. Augusta Caroline Hall

4. Moved here from other congregations, 4 persons:

The Married Couple Br. and Sr. Eugenius and Louisa Theodora Hartvig from St. Thomas
The Little Girls Mary Eliza and Anna Sophia Vogler from Bethel on St. Kitts

5. Moved away from here or transferred to other congregations, 31 persons:

The Married Couple Christian Ludwig and Elisabeth Belfer Rights with their 2 children, Theodor Manasseh and Alice Belfer, to Friedland
The Married Couple Joseph Edwin and Anna Lucinda Beitel with their 3 children, William Franklin, Joseph Henry, and Cornelia Elisabeth

As also the following nonresident married couples:

William Henry [Jerome] and Lisette Cornelia White with their 3 children, George Henry, Emily Cornelia, and Amos Benjamin, and also
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The nonresident Married Couple John Christian and Sarah Louisa Boykin with their 2 children, Mary Isabella and Ellen Rebecca, to Hope, Indiana  
The Married Couple Alanson Emmerson and Juliana Eliza Welfare, as also the Single Br. Samuel Stoz Warner, to New Springplace in the Cherokee country  
The Single Brn. James Matthew and Francis Eugene Häusler, to Hope, Indiana  
The Single Srs. Frederica Justina Hüffel and Sarah Friederica Lothrop, to York  
The Older Boy Henry Herman Wolle, to Litiz  
The Married Br. Friedrich Wilhelm Holland with his 4 children, John Winfield, Benjamin Franklin, Cynthia Cornelia and Sarah Elisabeth will belong to Friedberg

6. Admitted to the congregation were 4 persons:  
Susan Elisabeth Shore, m. n. Kennedy, a married woman  
The Single Br. Livingston Nathanael Clinard  
The Older Girls Julia Ann Vest and Esther Linthicum
7. Readmitted was 1 person  
[The Single Br. Augustus Tim. Holland]
8. Admitted to the Holy Communion were 11 persons:
  - a. By baptism  
The Single Br. Livingston Nathanael Clinard  
The Older Girl Julia Ann Vest
  - b. By confirmation  
The Single Brn. Eugene F. Clewell, Joseph Orestes Hall,  
Samuel Edwin Butner from Bethabara  
The Older Boy Massa Miksch Warner  
The Single Srs. Harriet Hege [from Friedberg], Adelaide Louisa Kluge  
The Older Girls Ernestine Eleanora Spach, Amelia Adelaide Van Vleck, Esther Linthicum
9. There were 5 persons excluded or dropped from the church  
[The Widowed Brn. Alexander Hauser and Sam. Rüde; the Single Br. Nath. Thomas Fetter; and the Single Srs. Lisette Strup and Lysania Hauser]

10. Admitted to the Choir of the Single Brethren were the following 7 youths:

Edwin Timoleon Boner	Edward Alex. Pfohl
Charles Edward Steiner	John Benjamin Chitty
William Francis Mücke	Julius Augustus Leinbach
Sandford Alexander Schneider from Friedberg	

11. Admitted to the Choir of Older Boys were the following 8 Little Boys:

Edward William Chitty	Samuel Green Hall
William Felix Leinbach	John Francis Schaffner
William Jacob Pfohl	Charles Augustus Winkler
Charles Henry Brietz	William Addison Byerle

12. Admitted to the Choir of the Single Sisters were the following 6 Older Girls:

Jane Elisabeth Reich	Charlotte Eliz. Schulz
Caroline Sievers	Maria Eliz. Vogler
Julia Ann Vest	Louisa Sophia Schmidt

13. Admitted to the Choir of the Older Girls were the following 11 Little Girls:

Maria Dorothea Boner	Maria Antoinette Häussler
Mary Jane Vogler	Louisa Eliza Blum
Margaret Sievers	Susan Caroline Spach
Eliza Friederica Vierling	Antoinette Susanna Hauser
Emilie Theodore Steiner	Sarah Louisa Butner
Leanna Elisabeth Reich	

At the end of the year of 1852 the congregation at Salem consists of:

93 Married Couples, 3 Married Men, and 7 Married Women  
a total of 196 Married People; Communicants 193

9 Widowers	;	"	9
38 Widows	;	"	38
64 Single Brn.	;	"	41
105 Single Srs.	;	"	104
22 Older Boys	;	"	1
30 Older Girls	;	"	4

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In total, 390 communicants and 74 noncommunicants

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To this should be added 109 Little Boys and 103 Little Girls, or  
a total of 212 Children

A grand total of 676 souls—16 less than in 1851  
(Namely one adult more and 17 children less)

10 Little Boys and 9 Little Girls entered the Infant School:

Henry Belo	Irwin Schulz
Charles Belo	Romulus Brendle
John Rüde	Charles Pfohl
George Winkler	William Lemly
John Henry Zevely	Douglas Zevely
Cornelia Boner	Mary Crist
Sarah Vierling	Mary Winkler
Leonora Winkler	Helen Meller
Sarah Friebele	Laura Boner
Ann Sophia Vogler	

7 Little Boys and 9 Little Girls left the Infant School

Henry Bahnsen	Augustus Clewell
Edgar Leinbach	Theodore Rights
William Vogler	Henry Siddall
John Henry Boner	

Cornelia Chitty	Ann Zevely
Fidelia Shoub	Cornelia Beitel
Livie [?] Brietz	Laura Lemly
Caroline Boner	Lucinda Spach
Clarinda Lachenauer	

Number of scholars at present 36

These 16 children, Theodore Rights, Cornelia Beitel, and Lucinda Spach excepted, entered our town schools

Besides these 13, the following 2 boys and 1 girl entered our town schools

Alexander Connyngham and Edmund Zevely and Mary Brietz  
3 Boys left school

David Spach, Joseph Reich, and Christian Pfohl

The number of boys in our town school is 38

The number of girls is 36

Among the teachers the following changes have taken place:  
The Brn. William Meinung and Constantine Rights left, and  
Sr. Eliza Krämer entered.

*Minutes of the Salem Congregation Council For the Year 1852.*

[Extracts translated.]

*March 15.*

Present 15 Brn. including the chairman.

1. A summary of the account of the Gem. Diac. of May 1, 1850, to April 30, 1851, with the balance sheet of the last date was then communicated.

2. This time the civic and church account for the fiscal year 1850 to 1851 indicates an excess of income of \$90.81, whereby the debt resting upon it was reduced to \$137.33.

3. The lovefeast account shows an excess of expenditures of \$15.65 $\frac{3}{4}$ . But since it had a balance of \$13.58 the year before, it closes with a deficit of only \$2.07 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

*Meeting of the Heads of Households and Master Workmen.*

*Dec. 9.*

Br. J. G. Herman, who had been asked to serve as chairman, stated that the present meeting had been arranged for by request of the Aeltst. Confz. and the Aufs. Col. Its purpose was to have a fraternal discussion regarding various disorders of which the young people had been guilty, both our own sons and also non-Moravian apprentices and other boys and young people employed here. These had occurred mainly in the evenings on the town streets or sometimes in the yards. If possible, ways and means were to be considered as to how this nuisance could be checked.

Thereupon there followed a long and frank discussion in which freely and without reserve the causes were referred to that have led to so many deplorable irregularities on the part of young people. It was thought that the main reason for them could be traced principally to the fact that parents and master workmen have not taken a sufficiently firm stand against this roaming about on the streets of an evening. Thereby quite a number of residents of the place have been molested by the young people congregating, at times in considerable numbers, at the street corners and in the square, where they then carry on this nuisance until late. The further fact was mentioned that citizens at times have employed non-Moravian people of questionable character, through whom no little wickedness had been introduced among our young people.

Finally the following 2 items were unanimously approved:

1. We consider it to be our duty to see to it that our sons and subordinates do not spend their time on the town streets of an evening and will make every effort in our power not only to oppose this, but also to keep them from cursing and swearing, which is all too common, and also from other bad and improper kinds of language.

2. Should someone observe our sons to be guilty of disorderly conduct or hear them use indecent language, we shall not take it amiss if he informs us of this, but rather be grateful should he make us aware of the failings of those who belong to us, which we had not been aware of.

Finally, a committee was appointed, consisting of the Brn. Elias Vogler, W. Hauser, G. F. Bahnsen, E. A. Schweinitz, and W. Leinbach, which is to translate these resolutions into English and submit them to another meeting convened for next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock for its approval and further action.

*Meeting of the Heads of Households and Master Workmen.*

*Dec. 14.*

Following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, the committee that had been elected submitted the actions of the society as translated into English. The committee had considered it desirable to add 2 further resolutions to those then adopted. Following the reading of this draft it was considered sentence by sentence and adopted unanimously, namely as follows:

Whereas the conduct & deportment of the youth resident in our town have recently become insupportable on account of their numerous & noisy assemblages in the evening at the corners of streets & impudently accosting passersby—disturbing the peace & quiet of the citizens by their outrageous & profane language and actually molesting peaceable & unprotected females &c—the Conference, with the concurrence of the Town Committee, caused a meeting of the Parents & employers of our Youth to be called, in order, if possible, to devise ways & means to check or more effectually restrain this growing evil.

In pursuance of this call there assembled a goodly number of Parents & employers, & after a free & brotherly discussion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. Resolved that we consider it our bounden duty to guard against our sons and those in our employ spending their leisure time in the streets & other improper places. And that we will do our very utmost to prohibit them from cursing & swearing, to which vice they are but too much addicted, & from using any indecent & improper language.

2. Resolved that if others shall become aware of disorderly conduct & misdemeanors on the part of our sons & those in our employ, or hear them make use of unbecoming & profane language, we will not only not be offended when informed thereof, but on the contrary feel grateful to such as call our attention to any misconduct that may have escaped our own observation.

3. Resolved that inasmuch as these resolutions are in entire conformity to the rules & regulations of this congregation, to the support of which we are all pledged, we herewith earnestly request, & confidently expect, the cooperation of every member of the church in carrying out the object aimed at by this meeting.

4. Resolved that the Warden cause to be prepared for distribution to every parent & employer copies of the above preamble & resolutions.

Further discussion then followed concerning disorders in church, particularly in the organ gallery, and the wish was expressed that they should be prevented. However, it was thought that the present gathering did not have authority for this. Therefore the thought was merely expressed that steps ought perhaps to be taken to have only the organist and the organ blower occupy this gallery during services in which no musical numbers are rendered.

*Minutes of the Committee of the Bethabara Congregation  
For the Year 1852.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Meeting of the Heads of Households.*

*Oct. 3.*

Most of the members were present.

Consideration was given to ways and means of providing a new fence around the God's Acre, since the old one is completely dilapidated.

It was decided to have all the heads of households and friends who would take an interest in this participate in it (as these have undertaken to do). The fence is to be made of sawed boards and oak posts. Br. Joh. Spach agreed to see whether some friends in Salem might not perhaps be willing to extend a helping hand by means of their contributions.

The meeting then adjourned.

*Diary of the Bethania Congregation For the Year 1852.*

[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 4. Early celebration of Epiphany.* The members were challenged to more lively interest, more diligent prayer, more cheerful giving [on behalf of missions]. The collection taken right after this gave an opportunity for the last-mentioned; it amounted to \$6.03½. Most of the nonresidents were absent. In the afternoon the committee met and was in session from 1 to nearly 4 o'clock. The minutes give the details. Br. Joseph Transou's complaint against some sisters would have been gladly passed over, but since he insisted that such behaviour should not be allowed in the congregation and declared that he would have to withdraw because hard feelings in the lovefeasts and Communion are unbearable to him, something had to be done.

*Jan. 5.* In the morning I spoke to the parties involved, without success, as was to be expected, and Br. Transou stated that he wanted to support his complaint with proof. There seemed to be no way left except to get the whole company before the committee and that was done. They met in the evening (not the witnesses) and finally we succeeded in doing away with the unpleasant affair in a good spirit and the promise was mutually made to forgive and forget. (See the minutes of the committee.) The Lord grant that this may really happen and that the misuse of the tongue thus be checked. The whole affair represents a warming up of a long-standing family quarrel in Bethania. I was called, though it was after 8 o'clock, to Schortown to baptize the little son of Sol. Theiss and his wife, Sr. Lauretta, m. n. Stockburger, since his end was expected. And the holy rite was carried out, but the little child appeared to recover.

*Jan. 9. Butchering.*

*Jan. 12-15. [Tuesday]* Some boys also came for instruction in violin playing. Since at present there is only one weak player in the town, it would be gratifying if some could be interested in the music of the congregation.

*Jan. 17.* Had headache. Some brothers inspected the out-buildings at the old Gemeinhaus to draw up a plan for the new ones.

*Jan. 19-23.* In the course of the week the Older Boy Levy Schaub left his brother Elias, where he had lived up to now.

*Jan. 28.* This morning Br. Sam. Stauber brought the news that the former Br. John Benj. Miller had been found dead in bed this morning. At the same time he asked whether he could be buried here and whether the pastor would object if Michael Daub, as an old acquaintance of the family, might also preach at the funeral. Both were gladly agreed to.

*Jan. 30.* A beautiful day and already at an early hour the people gathered in crowds for the funeral. Mich. Daub spent the morning at our house, and it was right pleasant. At  $\frac{3}{4}$  12 the funeral was held. The church was full; benches had to be brought in from the porch. It was said that not since the dedication in 1809 had so many people been in it. The pastor preached first on Luke 13:23 and then Daub on Prov. 14:32 (the latter part), rather long. On the God's Acre a better arrangement could have been wished for.

During the month of January Joseph Wesley Theiss was *baptized* and a non-Moravian child. *Died* and buried, John Benjamin Miller (a former member).

*Feb. 7.* I heard today that Br. Ruede is going to leave us, since his school does so poorly.

*Feb. 14.* In spite of the violent and cold northwest wind I rode to Jno. Grabs' and preached on Tim. 4:8, 9. A Reformed Methodist preacher followed. Since I am not accustomed to the stamping, etc., it did not assist me in my devotions. Later, baptism of the little son of Br. and Sr. William and Pamelia Spoehauer, named Eben Fountain.

*Feb. 15.* Unhappily I had headache and conducted the litany and the preaching service in English on the Gospel, Luke 8, only with difficulty.

*Feb. 16.* I had a severe headache all day long and also on the 17th, accompanied by rheumatic pain at the back of my head and neck.

*Feb. 19.* Work in the garden, and also some on the 20th.

*Feb. 22.* After dinner the committee met and Br. Ruede gave up his position here. Then there was a preaching service for the negroes which was quite well attended and to which right good attention was given. Meantime Br. Ruede left for Salem to take up work in the school there for the time being.

*Feb. 23.* A beginning was made with clearing out the yard and making mortar for the parsonage.

*Feb. 25.* Work in the garden. After dinner a quorum of the committee met in E. C. Lehman's store to consider again the building of a stable, etc.

*Feb. 28.* Most of the men were at Bethabara for the election of a constable.

*March 1.* Work began on the erection of the stable.

*March 6.* Baptized a little child of Squire Spiess's into the death of Jesus at the home of M. Holder.

*March 7.* In the first meeting a little child of Isaac Schor's was baptized into the death of Jesus.

Since no Singstunde could well be held in the evening, due to our not having an organist, the state of affairs in our South African mission was discussed.

*March 9.* Visited at Jos. Stockburgers' who were greatly disturbed. For a year now their hearts have been without peace. A road which is to be put through their fields without adequate compensation is a heavy affliction for them, especially since they think that a brother is chiefly at fault in the matter. Therefore, they have stayed away from the Holy Communion, etc.

*March 12.* Visited in the village in the morning, namely at the home of Sarah Stolz. Heard much that was unpleasant in regard to the recent family quarrel, which evidently has not been dropped. Became quite dispirited about the congregation here and thought it would probably be better if someone more capable or more successful were working here.

*March 14.* Then there was a meeting of the heads of households in which Sal. Transou was unanimously elected as a member of the committee in Br. Ruede's place. In the afternoon the committee met. In the evening a poorly attended Singstunde was held, like the other services, without the organ.

In the following week the plastering of the new house was really begun, as well as work done on the outbuildings.

*March 18.* Many peach blossoms were frozen.

*March 23.* In the afternoon celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of our Br. and Sr. Peter Pfaff in the circle of his 9

children, 2 grandchildren, and some friends. After the baptism of Eugene Romulus Pfaff (Edwin's) there was an English address on the watchwords of 1802 and 1852.

*March 30.* Since an estimate that had been made showed that there was no money on hand for the painting of the parsonage, a new subscription list was opened and the brethren and sisters were willing to contribute.

*April 1.* Some more money was given again in Salem too.

*April 2.* Rode out in the morning to get someone to clean the house, but in vain.

*April 3.* Everywhere the apple trees were blooming most beautifully.

*April 6.* The painting of the new house began.

*April 8. Maundy Thursday.* Soon after 1 o'clock the first meeting was held. Unfortunately our organist was sick so that the singing was poor. A rain cloud toward noon had kept many away, and others had to be in court; still, over 60 communicants celebrated the Lord's Supper.

*April 9. Good Friday.* Almost all the men in the village and surrounding region had to be in court today, and on that account the Saal was very empty on the brothers' side, but the sisters were there in goodly number.

Around 10 the first reading service was held, then a sermon on the thief. At  $\frac{1}{2}$  3 in the afternoon the 2nd reading service; again the sound of the organ was heard. In the evening a liturgy on [Jesus' rest in] the grave. Br. Rueude was here to say farewell. Next week he will go to Bethlehem.

*April 10. Great Sabbath.* Heard of the home going last night of Br. Petrus Transou, a former resident of Bethania.

*April 11. Easter.* All the meetings this week were in English, but a good many German stanzas were sung.

*April 12.* This afternoon the Married Sr. Mary Hauser, m. n. Schor, went home as the result of a stroke.

*April 16.* The painting of the parsonage is now finished.

*April 25.* In the first service George Nathl. Butner [Edward's] was baptized into the death of Jesus.

*April 29.* After Br. Pfohl had left us we prepared to move into the new house, and after dinner many people helped us carry the heavy things over and set them up.

*May 4.* Fetched pigs from Pfafftown.

*May 14.* Today our lot was to have been cleared. Unfortunately only very few came to do this. It was somewhat wet and rainy.

*May 17.* At Mr. Kayser's request I baptized their little child, which had been sick all the time, naming it Fylena Jane [later corrected to read "Philena"].

*May 21.* Visited in the afternoon at the home of Sam. Stau-  
ber, whose new house had been built on the former Conrad place.

*May 22.* The fence on Grabs's side was finally erected.

*May 25.* This afternoon old Br. Jos. Spoenhauer went home.

*May 27.* I drove to Spoenhauer's again and conducted the funeral of Jos. Spoenhauer at Joh. Jac. Spoenhauer's former plantation. The sermon on I Cor. 15:22 was delivered under the trees at the graveside.

*May 28.* We drove to Salem for the examination of the S.F.A. [Salem Female Academy]. Helped with the singing. Back in the evening.

*June 2.* Cut hay in our garden.

*June 6. Trinity Sunday.* In the first service the confession of faith was read from the Easter litany. There followed the preaching service in English on the last part of Matt. 28:19. In it I read the Athanasian Creed.

*June 12.* Preached at Crooked Run. Mr. Parker closed with prayer.

In the month of June Mary Elisabeth Grabs (Levin's) was baptized [on the 13th].

*July.* The following week [week of the 4th] was a splendid week of harvest. The members brought in the wheat and cut oats. The corn, of which more perhaps has been planted this year than before, has an excellent stand, refreshed, as it has been by occasional showers; it gives promise of a rich crop. It was very warm and the men had it hard. If only they were as at-

tentive to the cultivation of their spiritual interests as to the care of their bodily needs.

*July 10.* Preached at S. Spoenhauer's to a small number. The candidates for the legislature and sheriff's office to be sure had a large audience in the afternoon.

*July 15.* Fetched some corn at H. Schultz's in the morning as I did not have any more fodder.

*July 18.* Bright and early the wagons rolled through the village to a campground 8 miles from here.

*July 22.* The paying of taxes in the village. The candidates for the legislature made their speeches in the afternoon. Unfortunately two wagons with liquor found customers, although there was no disturbance.

*July 23.* Fetched a wagonload of oats from Jesse Conrad's.

*July 24.* Held a funeral sermon in Mr. Nichols' Methodist church on the doctrinal text for this day, Rev. 2:11. It was in memory of a little child of Jacob Mickey's, 14 miles north of the village. The people were very attentive. The deceased had been baptized by Br. Hagen with her twin sister. Came home in the evening with a severe headache.

*July 25.* The first meeting was the English litany. Then followed the baptism of a little daughter of Ezra Hauser's.

*Aug. 2.* Visited at the old Mosers' in the mill. She had broken a leg and lay in a pitiable condition. He did not know me. I said that I was sorry, since this showed he never came to church. May he be still converted even in his old age.

*Aug. 4.* Very rainy. Had a long discussion with a married brother here in the village, who it is to be hoped is an exceptional case.

*Aug. 11.* The funeral of the negress Eveline (Lash) took place. Gave an address to the negroes. It seems as if they did not want regular meetings any more. And this was not considered "the funeral."

*Aug. 14.* We drove to Jno. Grabs's. He was sick. Preached at Crooked Run, where a goodly number of people had assembled. For it was the quarterly meeting of the Protestant Methodists.

*Aug. 16.* Br. Hy. Spach began to build the front steps to our house.

*Aug. 20.* We went first to Ezra Hauser, whose little daughter had died yesterday.

*Aug. 21.* At about 1 o'clock the funeral of little Alice Elonia Hauser was held. I had headache all day long.

*Aug. 22.* Throughout the following week it rained daily, more or less. We had to remain indoors, and the humidity was most unpleasant. On Friday it rained heavily and on through the night, so that there was a high flood on Saturday morning, the 28th. The bottom land looked bad indeed, and much damage is done to the corn. The preaching service at Pl[easant] Valley had to be omitted.

*Aug. 30.* My horse lost its old hoof and, praise God, does not limp.

*Sept. 5.* The baptism of John Magnus Stoltz (Parm.) took place in the first service.

*Sept. 7.* We made sauerkraut.

*Sept. 11.* It may still be noted in connection with this week that the account was made of the receipts and expenses for the building of the parsonage. Not everything could be ascertained exactly, but approximately the result is that the costs run to about \$570 and that everything is paid. The whole matter is found in detail at the end of the congregation account book.

*Sept. 22.* Hay making.

*Sept. 27.* Was at the camp meeting at Mt. Tabor and there found many of our members.

*Sept. 28.* In great embarrassment as to what to feed my horse and sows. Too bad that such cares are met with in this place.

*Oct. 2.* Prior to the sermon at that place [Spanish Grove] the baptism of Lisana El. Beroth was conducted.

*Oct. 8.* About noon Br. Siewers came, and after dinner we went to Pleasant Valley together where a several days' gathering, "Union Meeting," is to be held. Only a few people were present and of other preachers only Jos. Daub.

Oct. 17. Toward evening the baptism of Erastus Beverly Jones took place.

Oct. 22. Rode in the afternoon to [a member's] to speak to [his daughter] who has excluded herself due to her forced marriage. This [fellow] drinks. O the deceitfulness of sin.

Oct. 23. Almost all the men from the village were in Winston, where there was a Whig barbecue.

Oct. 25. And also on the following days was busy mainly in our yard, where there is still much to be done. Corn is being harvested on all sides.

Oct. 31. Most of the people from the village had gone to Beck's schoolhouse to see Sandy Flynt, etc., immersed. As a result there were only about 20 at the preaching service.

Nov. 2. The presidential election was held, which went off very quietly. Br. H. H. Butner left for Tennessee.

Nov. 4. On account of Br. Herman's absence in Pennsylvania there was no conference.

Nov. 6. Baptized Lisetta Catherine Klein [at Spanish Grove].

Nov. 16. We fetched apples from the Henry Schultzes.

Nov. 21. After the litany the Thanksgiving service was held, since the 25th, the day appointed, could not well be observed in this way here.

Nov. 22. In the morning we (Brn. H[agen] and Gr[unert] ) began our journey to Patrick County, Virginia, in spite of a cold rain that lasted all day. Stayed at W. Bitting's overnight.

Nov. 23. About noon we reached Mt. Airy and in the afternoon the new Moravian church, Mt. Bethel, 8 miles beyond Wards Gap Road, which was to be dedicated during these days. Stayed at Br. Scott's overnight.

Nov. 24. Following the arrival of Brn. Herman and Bahnson the services were held. Then the Brn. H[erman] and B[ahnson] returned to Mt. Airy, and we with Br. Siewers spent the night at Br. Cloud's.

Nov. 25. A rainy day, but the Lord gave us a day rich in blessing. The services began soon after 11. After a short sermon

by Br. Gr[unert] there followed an admonition by Br. Siewers and in the afternoon a sermon by Br. H[erman]; thereupon Br. Th. Scott was baptized into the death of Jesus. Those assembled were greatly moved, and Br. Cloud came forward and asked for baptism, and this was then administered to him. The Holy Communion then followed, and the Saviour graciously made His presence felt among us. After taking a heartfelt farewell from the brethren and sisters, we returned with Sr. Siewers to Mt. Airy and

*Nov. 26.* to Bethania. The roads were bottomless and the streams high, but the Lord helped us through.

*Nov. 27.* During this week meat, sausages, etc., has been delivered [at the parsonage].

*Dec. 7.* My horse ran away to S. Flynt's.

*Dec. 12.* Practiced music, etc.

*Dec. 17.* Had a letter from Br. Bahnsen about taking over the Salem school. On that account rode

*Dec. 18.* to Salem.

*Dec. 24.* It sprinkled the whole day, but quite a number of children came to the Christmas celebration. The English preaching service at 7 o'clock on Luke 10:11 was not well attended. The choir pieces did not go especially well.

*Dec. 29.* Butchering day.

*Minutes of the Committee of the Bethania Congregation  
For the Year 1852.*

[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 4.*

1. The minutes of the last session were read and led to much discussion.

a. Br. Ruede promised to prepare new weekly [contribution] lists.

b. Br. Lehman reported that he had not been able to find anyone for clearing the meadow. It is to be burnt off as soon as weather permits.

c. Br. Werner reported that some 20 posts of the fence of the God's Acre were rotten. He undertook to be responsible for the repair. The brn. of the committee promised to set a good example in contributing suitable posts. Such brethren as do not contribute posts should help in setting the same up.

d. The purchase of a new bell rope had been forgotten. Anyway the old one seemed to be holding out.

e. The garden fence had been made in such a way that the garden has been somewhat enlarged. The old fence will be cleared away.

2. The Widowed Sr. Salome Lucinda Rothrock, m. n. Holder, formerly belonging to Friedberg, wishes to unite with the local congregation with her two children. Since she was not known to the brethren, inquiries are to be made about her.

3. Regarding the Married Sr. Lavinia Church, m. n. Pfaff, who has as much as stated that she no longer looks upon herself as a member of the congregation, Br. Peter Pfaff is to be consulted. The pastor undertook to do so.

4. Br. Hy. Ren. Lehman is said for a good while to have wanted to be stricken from the catalog. We shall wait for a while.

5. The Married Sr. Wilson also no longer belongs here; and of Christian Pfaff's family only Charlotte and Lisette should be counted.

6. The necessary outbuildings for the new parsonage were discussed. The Brn. Lehman and Jos. Transou were requested to make a draft and an estimate of the cost of these and submit them to the committee as soon as possible.

7. Br. Jos. Transou wished to give up his office as head Saaldiener. Since the committee was opposed to this and wanted him to keep the office, it developed that some sisters had let fall remarks accusing him of dishonesty. Although the committee declared these accusations of little importance, it was felt that the matter could not be overlooked because it gave evidence of an offence against brotherly love. Br. Transou declared himself willing to continue to serve if those in question would acknowledge their wrong and promise not to do such a thing in the future. The pastor was assigned the duty of talking with those sisters about it.

*Jan. 5.*

There were present the members from the village and likewise several members who had been asked to come in connection with item No. 7 of yesterday's minutes.

1. The pastor reported that, as commissioned, he had spoken with the persons whose names had been given him, but that they had denied having talked in the manner attributed to them. Since according to section 7 of the committee instructions it is its duty to investigate such matters, the meeting had been called for this painful purpose. After a number of things had been said about a spirit of reconciliation and the duty of forgiving willingly, and also of brotherly love as a necessary quality in every child of God, all present were asked to act in this spirit now and, instead of investigating further, to forgive and forget the incident mutually. Since all declared themselves willing to do this, the whole affair was declared settled and the nonmembers withdrew.

2. Various matters were then discussed, particularly that of the sisters serving at lovefeast, but it seemed impossible to arrive at any completely satisfactory arrangement so as to avoid the need of appointing them on each individual occasion. The pastor promised, however, to talk with the sisters who act as Dieners and to encourage them to serve willingly.

*Jan. 25.*

2. Br. Lehman reported that he and Br. Jos. Transou had investigated the outbuildings. The framework is almost entirely in good condition and is large enough to house a wagon shed, an area for feeding, a stable, and a woodshed. It will be necessary to raise part of it to accommodate the wagon shed. Since the roof is bad and the space under it too low for hay, an addition at least 4 feet high should be set on the present framework and materials are on hand for this. For the roof 2,400 clapboards should be ordered. Br. Herm. Butner undertook to order 1,200 of these from Br. Mich. Butner and Br. Sal. Pfaff and the remaining 1,200 from Br. Phil. Pfaff. These should be 2 feet long and as wide as possible. Br. Jacob Werner was unanimously chosen as building supervisor and will be responsible for the whole thing.

3. Br. Werner reported that he had ordered posts for the God's Acre fence from various brethren.

4. Since water is again seeping between the church wall and the roof of the little annex, new plaster is to be laid there too when the plastering of the parsonage is done. Br. Ruede undertook to look after this. At the same time a reminder was given that the gutters on the church roof needed to be cleaned out again. The Brn. Lehman and Butner promised to attend to this.

5. It was reported that Manuel Pfaff did not want to pay a full \$2.00 for a grave for his child because he had once helped work on the God's Acre. The committee declared emphatically that no part of it should be remitted lest others would get the same idea. Since his mother and brothers and sisters, who are members of the congregation, never pay anything, it is only proper that he should do something for the good of the congregation. Br. Pfaff promised to make him acquainted with the decision.

6. Br. Wesley Kearney has given up his office as organ blower, and since it is almost always attended to by the boy Oliver Lehman, Br. Alvin Butner is to be asked whether he considers himself to be the organ blower.

*Feb. 22.*

1. Regarding paragraph 4 of the last minutes it was stated that as Br. Ruede could not well take care of the matter, another brother should attend to it. Br. Jos. Transou was willing.

The cleaning out of the gutters had been forgotten and a reminder was given.

2. The bake oven that is to be built is to be set on a wooden base. Br. Alexander Grabs was given this to do, and Br. Jos. Transou undertook to do the ordering.

3. About 75 rails are needed for the fence in the orchard. Br. Martin Holder undertook to order these from Sol. Theiss.

4. The fence at the end of the lower garden needs a support at one place. There are also all kinds of repairs to be made on those of the upper garden. Br. Butner promised to hire a man for this.

5. In this connection mention was made of the piece of land at the end of the lower garden along the back lane. The old minutes about this (February 26, 1828; February 19, 1829; January 31, 1841; February 2 and February 7, 1841) were reread and showed plainly that this piece belongs to the Gemein lot.

Permission had been given for a time to old Br. Oehmann to farm it, but if the pastor now wants to farm it, he is free to do so without further ado.

6. Br. H. Ruede, who was present today for the last time, since he is moving to Salem at least for a while, resigned from his office as treasurer of the congregation, which he has filled with solicitude and proficiency. Since no other brother could be proposed as his successor, the pastor was willing to undertake this task, but agreed with the view of the committee that the collecting of debts could not and should not be his responsibility. Unfortunately the matter is very involved, and Br. Ruede promised at least to take care of the account with Br. Hagen, which still is not settled.

7. To elect a new committee member in Br. Ruede's place, a meeting of heads of households is to be held as soon as can be arranged.

8. Finally, the most cordial thanks were expressed to Br. Ruede for the services he has rendered the local congregation.

*Addendum:* At a short meeting in the afternoon of Wednesday, February 25, attended by Br. Jac. Werner in addition to the members in the village, there was a discussion 1. about the building of the shed. There are to be 2 openings left on the west. Br. Werner will try to get the weatherboards which are still lacking, estimated at about 800 feet. 2. The fence on the south side up to the smokehouse is to be made of sawed laths 4½ feet high. About 180 will be needed, and Br. Th. Kapp is to deliver them. (He promised that same afternoon to do it.)

*Meeting of the Heads of Households, March 14.*

In the place of Br. H. Ruede, who has given up his office, a new member of the committee from the village was to be elected. Br. Salomon Transou was nominated and voted for by all present (except himself). This brother accepted the choice.

2. The minutes of the last session were read, and a reminder was again given regarding the cleaning of the gutters along the roof.

3. The Widow Rothrock (see the minutes of January 4, 1852) no longer lives in our neighborhood, but near Bethabara. Therefore, although the committee in Friedberg gave her a favorable recommendation, the committee believes nothing further could now be done, but one should wait to see whether she applies here again or not.

4. Br. Nath. Pfaff has expressed the wish that, since he lives about 7 miles away, his contribution should be reduced. The committee did not seem opposed, provided he were the only one and would remain so. Since, however, others who live perhaps 1 mile nearer would probably then express the same wish, Br. N. Pfaff is to be requested to give up the idea. The pastor undertook to talk with Br. Sal. or Peter Pfaff about this.

5. Br. and Sr. Jos. Stockburger have similarly wished that their assessment, which is \$3.00, might be reduced, owing to their circumstances, since they are old and weak. The committee recognized that this is fair, but no definite sum can be set for them. They are to give what they think they are able to.

6. A good number of posts have been delivered for the God's Acre fence. The afternoon of Friday, March 26, was decided on for our working together on the repair of the same.

7. Since the old privy was located under the hayloft in the Gemein lot and there was danger of fire on this account, it is to be moved elsewhere.

8. There have not been enough clapboards even for the shed roof, so new ones must again be ordered for the bake oven which is to be built. Br. Mich. Butner was again recommended for this.

9. Since there is again a great lack of Saaldiener, Br. Sal. Transou undertook to request the Brn. Edw. Butner, Lev. Grabs, Wesley Kearney, and Th. Johnson to serve the congregation in this way.

#### *April 18.*

2. The financial situation of the congregation was discussed and, among other things, the wish was expressed that separate accounts should be kept of the congregational contributions and the weekly collections, as was done formerly. But this can probably not be effected immediately. Br. Lehmann, together with the pastor, is to try to adjust the Hagen affair and to this end make a settlement with Sal. Miller. Br. Sal. Transou promised to speak with Jos. Leinbach and Br. Jos. Transou with Petrus Transou's family.

3. The second Friday in May was decided on for our working together on the Gemein lot.

*May 23.*

1. After the reading of the last minutes, the congregation account for 1851 was presented. The treasurer's book shows receipts of \$243.03 and expenditures of \$229.23.

Since, however, the cash on hand was only \$2.03, the difference shown in the account caused much surprise, but nothing else could be done. On this occasion it was remarked that the annual account never shows the status of the congregation since most of the contributions are no longer entered under the current year, as formerly, but appear only the following year. The desire of the committee that the members might be more punctual in this, so that our business should not continue to be carried on blindly, is to be brought before the heads of households at the congregational anniversary.

2. The congregational anniversary will be celebrated on June 13, God willing. Since no wheat is on hand for lovefeast, those who are remiss must be spoken to.

3. Br. H. Butner will speak to Br. Edward Butner regarding the yard gate and see whether he is willing to make it. It was thought that the fence between the house and the church could perhaps be made by Br. Jos. Leinbach. The pastor undertook to speak to Br. Sal. Transou and ask him to speak with that brother about this matter also (see paragraph 2 of the previous minutes).

4. Br. Transou was suggested as being suited and also probably willing to fill the vacant office of a town collector. The pastor promised to offer it to this brother.

*Meeting of the Heads of Households on the Congregational Anniversary, Sunday, June 13.*

(Some 20 present.)

The annual account for 1851 was communicated and the appeal, which had been decided on in the last meeting of the committee, seemed to be understood by the brethren. If only it would be followed by action! Furthermore, they were reminded that the annual contribution of one peck of wheat for the general lovefeasts should be brought in more promptly.

*July 18.*

1. In reading the minutes of the last meeting it was found that not all had been attended to. It shall still be done.

2. Since the account of Br. Friedr. Holder is unclear, he is to be asked whether he thinks he has delivered more than was assigned to him.

3. A good deal was said about the new house, and reference should perhaps be made to the front steps in particular. Henry Spach was mentioned as one who might make them cheaply.

*Oct. 17.*

Following the reading of the minutes of the last meeting it was remarked:

1. That the building of the new parsonage had cost nearly \$570, which has all been paid.

2. That since a storm has blown a cap of sheet iron from the kitchen chimney for the second time, a brick one should now be made. Br. Jos. Transou will talk with Alex. Grabs about this. At the same time also the roof over that fireplace is to be made tighter.

3. Br. J. Transou promised to fasten little boards on the two housedoors to keep the rain as far as possible from running in from below them.

4. Br. Werner was urgently asked to improve the roof of the privy.

5. The Gemein lot meadow was referred to. Br. H. Butner promised that if it were not properly attended to before spring, he would see to it that it was put in good order.

6. [A young woman] who was received into the congregation and confirmed some time ago has recently been married (a forced marriage). The pastor will speak to her and notify her of her having been dropped on this account.

*Diary of the Friedberg and Hope Congregations  
For the Year 1852.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 1.* Toward evening I reached Salem (where I was favored for the first time with the opportunity of conducting a liturgical service in a settlement congregation!). Following this I attended the Christmas address in the boarding school. It was very nice, especially the music.

*Jan. 2.* I learned that Br. and Sr. Senseman had had an exceedingly hard and tiresome journey because of the cold and icy roads and had reached Vincennes only on the 29th ult. It is forty miles from *New Salem*, which they had hoped to reach before Christmas.

*Jan. 2.* A Singstunde had been announced for 1 o'clock. The weather was bad and not many came. But we sang for some time and a little later had the monthly prayer meeting. Practice in singing is to be held more often so that the singing in the Saal may improve; and no doubt by God's blessing we shall succeed in this, since recently many new English hymnals have been bought by the brethren and sisters in Friedberg and, in general, commendable enthusiasm is shown in this connection.

*Jan. 4.* Drove to Hope with Sr. Hagen, preached, and read the memorabilia, and returned to Friedberg in time to close the Sunday School with a hymn and prayer.

*Jan. 8.* We were at the Chr. Rippels. She is suffering from pain in her leg, which was opened yesterday for the 2nd time in 4 weeks by the doctor.

*Jan. 9.* A good number, probably more than twenty, met at the church and made considerable improvements on the fences enclosing the parsonage, the yard, and the field. I was pleased not only by the enthusiasm and love for the church which this showed, but especially by the friendly and well-mannered behaviour of the men who had assembled; this is *not* always seen in such gatherings (even those for similar purposes).

*Jan. 23.* Held a funeral in Hope of a child of Parmenio Hauser's. On the way back I visited at Jacob Schor's. He was suffering greatly during the day and died about 11 o'clock at the age of 50 years, 11 months, and 17 days.

*Jan. 24.* Reached home at about 10 o'clock and made arrangements for the grave. Suffered from severe headaches as a result of the cold, the loss of sleep, and exhaustion.

*Jan. 30.* Had severe headache.

*Feb. 1.* Following the opening exercises in the Sunday School I went to Hope. Found quite a large gathering (about 100). First I conducted a prayer meeting and then a preaching service. Immediately thereafter there was a meeting to discuss the pos-

sibility of organizing a Sunday School at Hope. The people seemed very willing to take the matter up.

*March 4.* Sandy Brewer was buried at Olivet.

*March 8.* Br. Alanson Welfare brought the Cherokee Single Br. Archibald Henry to Friedberg to stay at our house and to get practice in English and music. Since his eyes are weak and he is in danger of going blind because of cataracts, it is not probable that he will make very rapid progress. Nonetheless he is a good, dear, and humble soul.

*March 17.* I was at Hope and from there went to Huntsville to marry a couple. Because the Yadkin was very swollen, we could cross it only in a canoe, which resulted in some danger of our being overturned by floating pieces of wood. It was about 8 o'clock when we crossed over. The wedding finally took place at 10 o'clock.

*March 18.* On the way home we could get across the South-fork only with much difficulty.

*March 25.* Funeral of Anna Maria Loman, m. n. Miller, who had fallen asleep the day before yesterday. She was about 23 years and 9 months old. The funeral was set for 10 o'clock and the body arrived only at 3 o'clock. Meanwhile the assembled neighbors had to wait about 5 hours without food. As a result the address was very short.

*March 26.* Held singing practice. The pupils are making progress.

*March 27.* I conducted a preaching service on the other side of Muddy Creek in the Baptist meetinghouse (merely so-called, but is really free). A good number of people were present. This neighborhood has been described to me as being somewhat heathenish and so also a promising field for missionary work. From here they used to come to Friedberg to church and Sunday School, but since the bridge is down they have little association with the neighborhood on the other side and, consequently, far less spiritual encouragement than there ought to be. The Dunkards preach here once a month and this is about all.

*March 29 and 30.* Rested and worked at home. Archie Henry, my Indian, is plowing oats. They found a turkey nest with 14 eggs.

*April 9. Good Friday.* It would be desirable, however, to arrange to have the services held in such a way that our young people too would get to hear this wonderful story of the Passion of Jesus. This is not now the case since it is read in part during the lovefeast, which is attended only by communicants or candidates.

*April 11. [Easter].* At  $\frac{1}{2}$  10 we went in good order to God's Acre where the Easter litany was read. At 11 there was the preaching service. The Saal was packed with people both in the balcony and below. Some had to stay outside.

*April 13.* Rode with Br. Bahnsen via Geo. Tesch's (who is very sick) and by Hussey's, Hampton's bridge, and Clemmons-ville to Stephen Douthit's on the other side of the Yadkin.

*April 16.* Was confined to bed with headache.

*April 19.* Got home at noon. After 2 o'clock rode to Gottfried Fischel's and wrote a letter for him to New Salem, Illinois.

*April 20.* Rain. Brought in a load of firewood, and then lay down because of headache.

*April 24.* Was sent for to go to David Painter (Bender). Spoke, sang, and prayed with him and in the evening he passed into eternity.

*April 26.* At 1 o'clock the funeral of David Painter was held, who died the day before yesterday at the age of about 27 years. Today Sr. Salome Schott went home.

*April 27.* At 2 o'clock her funeral was held. Her age was 36 years, 9 months less 1 day. Since the Saal was being scrubbed today, the funeral address had to be held out in the open. Some 200 people may have been there.

*April 28.* Baptized the little child of the widowed Salomon Schott. It was sick.

*May 2.* In the morning there was S. School and preaching service at Hope. A good number had gathered for both occasions, although preaching services were held in both Clemmons-ville and Bethel at the same time.

*May 10.* Today our dear Widowed Sr. Sarah Spach went to the Saviour at the age of 82 years and 3 months less one day.

*May 12.* The congregational anniversary. Quite a number of members had gathered and also some nonmembers who wished to participate. Except for the giddy behaviour of some old spinsters during the lovefeast, all who worshipped in spirit and in truth found it to be a day of blessing granted them by the Lord.

*May 16.* The service at Friedberg was omitted because the anniversary of the Forsyth S. S. Union was celebrated at Hope. . . . While a hymn was sung a collection was taken on behalf of the Hope Sunday School (it amounted to \$4.71). . . . Interest in the Sunday School cause seems to be growing somewhat.

*May 25.* Was at Hege's mill.

*May 26-27-28.* I was in Salem to assist with the examination in the Girls' Boarding School—namely in singing.

*May 29.* Held the funeral of Jacob Mock, son of Peter Mock near Clemmonsburg. His age was about 26 years. There was much rain.

*June 4.* Had severe toothache.

*June 6.* Sunday School with about 60 pupils. At Hope there was Sunday School and preaching service. The Saal was filled to its uttermost capacity. They took out the middle partition so that the people could be in the room at the back. In the afternoon the confirmation was held of 5 persons, namely:

1. Wm. Thornton, a Married Br.
2. Cal. Transou, a Married Br.
3. Salome Transou, a Married Sr.
4. Maria Hauser, a Married Sr.
5. Susanna [Spach, m. n. Kreuzfüsser], a Married Sr., and the baptism of [No.] 6. Pamelia Styers, a girl.

*June 9.* The funeral of the Single Sr. Cath. Miller, who fell asleep the previous day. Her age was 18 years, 7 months, and 9 days.

*June 13.* In the morning there was Sunday School and English preaching service. In the afternoon there was a preaching service at Muddy Creek schoolhouse. There were many present. A Sunday School was organized.

*June 16.* Had our rye mowed. 30 shocks.

*June 20.* I conducted the funeral of a little child (Moss, near Clemmons ville).

*June 27.* A preaching service was held at Pleasant Fork in the afternoon on the subject of the Sunday School at that place. D. Wesner had preached in the morning.

*July 1.* Could not attend the L. A. Cfz., but sent in my report. The reason—my indisposition and the funeral of a little child, the little daughter of Traugott Spach.

*July 4.* In the afternoon I preached near Mt. Pleasant in connection with the funeral of the little boy Wilson Womack at that place. He had fallen asleep on Friday at an age of between 6 and 7.

*July 8.* Married a couple at Br. G. Spach's home, namely: Jesse Hill and Sr. Cath. Spach.

*July 10.* Mowed the oats.

*July 19.* Wheat and rye threshed by machine.

*July 22.* Hay making.

*July 23.* Hay making—hot and dry.

*July 24.* Brought in the hay. 4 wagon loads.

*Aug. 1.* In the afternoon there was a little meeting in Hope. In the vicinity of Hope there were 4 other church services, not counting our own, in different directions, namely: at Clemmons ville, at Tommy Frey's, Faws's, and Philadelphia. Therefore, it seems very desirable that the Hope Sunday should be moved to the third Sunday as was recently decided upon.

*Aug. 6.* Visited at Chrn. Rothrock's, whose son Lazarus passed from time to eternity at Chestersville, South Carolina, last July 25.

*Aug. 8.* [At Muddy Creek] I preached concerning the home going of a little child of the Brewers.

*Aug. 10.* Had my wagon repaired at Hamilton Swaim's and Chrn. Spach's.

*Aug. 13.* Festival celebration. At 10 the morning devotions and the festival address were held. At 11 there was the public

preaching service, following which 2 persons were baptized and 5 confirmed.

- Baptized:
1. The Married Br. John Painter
  2. The Married Sr. Phoebe Tesh, m. n. Perri-man

- Confirmed:
1. The Married Br. Reuben Rominger
  2. The Married Br. Solomon Tesh
  3. The Widowed Sr. Verona Schor
  4. The Married Sr. Mary Rominger, m. n. Wesner
  5. The Married Sr. Catharina Painter, m. n. Kreuzfüsser.

*Aug. 15.* In the morning Br. Miles Vogler preached at Hope and I in the afternoon. There were not many there. This can be ascribed partly to a funeral in Clemmons-ville and partly to a camp meeting at Ellis's on the other side of the Yadkin.

*Aug. 17.* Rode to the plank road with Br. Reuz and looked at the sawmill.

*Aug. 19.* Went to Waughtown and heard 2 Baptist preachers. The first preached the precious gospel with much unction, but the other in such a way that I got up and left the church.

*Aug. 23.* Went to Br. and Sr. Rippels' to fetch a plow.

*Aug. 29.* Preached in the afternoon at Hopewell, which coincided with a protracted meeting of the Lutherans.

*Aug. 30.* Preached again at Hopewell. Afterward the Lutheran preacher held an "experience meeting" in which whoever wished to do so was to tell of what the Lord had done for his soul. It was noteworthy that almost all dated their first awakening back to their childhood. In particular there was a Methodist preacher who also said that approximately in his 14th year in the Sunday School at Hopewell the evangelistic conversations with one of the Sisters of the Boarding School, who at that time was helping in the school but now is resting in the God's Acre, had made a deep and indelible impression on his heart of the indescribable love of the Saviour for sinners and of the necessity of the heart being renewed through repentance and faith in the Saviour. This meeting served not only for edification, but especially for encouragement in the continuing Sunday School

work, since an attempt had been made on the preceding day to have the Sunday School become active again at this place.

At about 3 o'clock this morning the girl Anne Hill died of consumption, aged about 20.

*Sept. 4.* I was in Liberty and delivered a short address on the occasion of a little examination in Mack's school.

*Sept. 6.* Last week our dear Br. Danl. Spach, Sen., experienced a great preservation when his clothes caught in the threshing machine but were torn from his body except for his trousers; otherwise, he would immediately have lost his life. His right arm was pretty badly bruised, but not seriously hurt.

*Sept. 7.* One of our cows had run away back to Friedland and so our dear Indian Archie went there, and on the

*Sept. 8.* succeeded in driving her back through the rain.

*Sept 10.* Rain. I used this week to make a new catalog and also to enter the confirmations since 1833 in the church book.

*Sept. 25.* In this meeting some verses of farewell and blessing were sung by the brethren for the Indian Br. Archibald Henry, who, after a stay of about a half year among us, is about to leave for his distant home in the near future.

*Oct. 2.* Held a funeral address in connection with the death of a woman by the name of Long not far from Opossum Town, about 8 miles from Friedberg, and received \$1.00 in payment!

*Oct. 4.* Some neighbors gathered together at the church on Muddy Creek and selected a committee for repairing the church and collecting the means to do so.

At noon I reached Br. G. Spach's and rode with him to John Swaim's where Br. Berril had already arrived. He formed a committee with us to restore peace between Swaim's and J. [?] Spach's family. We spoke with several of them, but unfortunately did not bring them together.

*Oct. 5.* Visited at Todd's. A very sad state of discord exists among these people, caused chiefly by the wife's jealousy.

*Oct. 7.* In the evening we went to Chr. Spach's and dedicated their new house with hymns and prayer.

Oct. 10. Toward evening I went to Salem to reach Pfafftown the following day for several days of meetings.

Oct. 11. Rode to Pleasant Valley near Pfafftown, accompanying Br. Bahnsen. When we arrived, Alspach was preaching. Soon after this Br. Bahnsen preached and following him I. In the evening Br. Reuz preached—and I at Bethabara at Br. and Sr. Oerter's request, also in the evening.

Oct. 12. Preached again at Pleasant Valley at 10 o'clock. At about 12 o'clock M. Daub preached on the subject of baptism for about 2½ hours.

Oct. 23. We celebrated the Festival of our Widowers, Widows, and Married People. Quite a good number of brothers and sisters were present although a big Whig barbecue was held on the same day.

Oct. 26. I took wheat to the Salem mill and went to church in Waughtown with Jno. and Miles Vogler.

Oct. 27. Returned to Friedberg about midday. In the afternoon went to Muddy Creek, where the new adherents had gathered who wish to unite with us. I distributed the Brotherly Agreement among them and spoke and sang and prayed with them. Some additional persons joined them today, so that there are 23 candidates.

Oct. 28. Got some wood in my wagon.

Oct. 29. Attended a sale in the neighborhood, namely at Taylor Vawter's.

Oct. 30. My birthday. I am now 37 years old. Found much comfort in a new assurance of the grace of God my Saviour.

Nov. 2. Since I was too tired I did *not* ride to Salem for the presidential election, and anyway I could scarcely make up my mind for whom to vote, Scott or Pierce.

Nov. 3. Visited Br. and Sr. F. Nulls at the request they made through Br. Chr. Ernst. I found them in great sorrow because of a misdeed which their eldest daughter has committed. She is abstaining from the Communion for the time.

Nov. 4. We visited at Br. and Sr. Danl. Fishels'. In the evening at J. Romingers' I attended a farewell preaching service for their circuit rider, Parker. He is a dear man; his talks are remarkable and can best be described as "serio-comic" both in content and presentation.

Nov. 5. Three groups of brethren cut wood at the Gemeinhaus. Among the rest they felled the great oak tree at the west gable of the parsonage, the heavy branches of which have long been a threat to the house.

Nov. 7. Preaching service at Muddy Creek church in the afternoon. But could not ride across the creek since it was too high and crossed the log and went two miles further on foot.

Nov. 14. The baptism of a little child (Weirs').

Nov. 19. Had my horse shod at Cecil's. Went across Muddy Creek to Porter's. *Fished*, but did *not catch* anything.

Nov. 21. In the afternoon preached at Mt. Pleasant. The latter was a funeral address for a child (Millers').

Nov. 22. Br. Grunert and I drove to Mt. Bethel in Patrick County, Virginia, to the dedication of the new church, which took place on Wednesday and Thursday. When I came home on Saturday, the 27th, the congregation had just come back from God's Acre following upon the burial of two corpses, those of *John Wesner* and *Catharina Creuzfüsser*. David Wesner had been kind enough to conduct the preaching service.

Nov. 30. Accompanied by Br. Geo. Spach and Sr. Fr. Fishel I went to G. Knauss'. After he had answered the customary questions, I imparted to him the blessing of confirmation and gave him the Holy Communion.

Dec. 2. Tommy Rominger died this morning. He was in Salem. His age was 54 years, 7 months, 15 days.

Dec. 6. The stones are being removed from the old well.

Dec. 8. I conducted instruction at Sandy Ellis's house instead of in the Muddy Creek church, since work is going on in repairing the church.

Dec. 13. Day for butchering.

*Dec. 19.* Conducted the preaching service at Hope. The Saal was nice and warm, since we have a new stove and the missing windowpanes had been replaced and other repairs carried out.

*Dec. 21.* The weather is unusually warm. There were several quite loud claps of thunder.

*Dec. 28.* Fetched a load of rails and erected a fence from the northeast corner of the garden up to the fence along the road, so as to have a truck patch.

*Minutes of the Committee of the Friedberg Congregation  
For the Year 1852.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 1.*

1. Jacob Schor's request to be readmitted in the congregation was granted and has since been approved by the P.H.C.

2. The wish was expressed that a missionary service should be held on the 2nd Sunday of this month and a collection taken.

*Jan. 14.*

4. It was decided to do away with the German preaching service on the fifth Sunday.

5. Both Daniel Fischel, Sr., and Philip Rominger should be admonished now that they belong to the congregation again: the former, not to touch intoxicating beverages; the latter, to attend services more regularly than formerly.

*March 16.*

2. John Swaim's case is not to be taken up again, provided that they are willing to let bygones be bygones and *now* live in peace.

4. Casper Todd and his wife wish to belong to the congregation. It probably would be wise for them to be given a probation period of about six months before they become full members.

5. [A recent bride] is excluded because her firstborn came too soon (4 months after the wedding).

6. Someone inquired whether it is permissible to put upright gravestones in our God's Acre. —The committee insisted: no!

*May 12. Meeting of Heads of Households.*

1. The election of a new committee took place. About 22 votes were cast—the following brethren elected:

1. Br. Daniel Spach, Jr., 10 votes, steward for Holy Communion
2. Br. John Knauss, 21 votes, steward for lovefeasts
3. Chrn. Spach, 20 votes
4. J. G. Spach, 20 votes
5. Henry Perril, 20 votes
6. Sol. Hege, 18 votes
7. Jesse Mack, 15 votes

2. It was voted that 1 P.M. would be the hour at which all funerals will be held which do not need to be expedited.

*May 22.*

1. As regards Br. Jn. Spach's dues, it was voted that they be considered together with Jno. Burke's as applying to one family, which also is agreeable to said families.

2. As regards Jno. Swaim, it was voted to summon him to attend the next session of the committee.

3. The former stewards gave their accounting:

Balance in the Communion account	\$16.90
Balance in the lovefeast account	5.70
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5. Br. Danl. Spach, Sr., applies for about 100 additional lovefeast mugs. This was considered necessary.

6. It was voted to take a collection to acquire a bedstead and other furnishings.

*Sept. 27.*

1. At Christian Rothrock's request he (being present) was given opportunity to express himself concerning various matters regarding which he has been dissatisfied for some time, specifically with the committee for the year 1851. His main complaint was that he had not been permitted to appear before the committee in reference to the case of his son David (January 25 and May 3, 1851) to speak for his son. This turned out, however,

to have been a misunderstanding, as is so frequently the case. The committee having assured him that it is always prepared to do full justice to him and every other member, he declared himself to be satisfied. He was admonished to seek grace so as to be able to walk in love, and dismissed.

3. Sol. Spach is altogether unwilling to have any more children baptized, but nevertheless would like to remain a member of the congregation, provided he could be excused from observing infant baptism. The committee prefers not to make any statement regarding this, but refers it to the P.H.C. in Salem.

4. It was announced that the L. A. Cfz. at Salem herewith submits the application of Br. Wm. Holland and his children to belong to the congregation at Friedberg (formerly they belonged to the Salem congregation). This the committee could agree to only with the proviso that said Br. Holland would promise not to permit any bouts of drinking brandy at his home, particularly not of a Sunday, and that he give up cursing. The wish was also expressed that he should give up distilling, but this was not made an absolute condition for his admission.

5. It was voted to acquire a stove for the parsonage living room. The committee commissioned Br. J. G. Spach to buy a stove.

6. It was considered necessary, as soon as possible, to arrange for having companies under the supervision of the brethren of the committee to secure firewood.

#### *Dec. 5.*

1. Query: May Br. Danl. Spach (and Jesse Mack) have the stones from the old well, provided they fill it up in lieu thereof? Answer: Yes!

2. Nancy Spach, m. n. Hanes (our Br. Traugott Spach's wife), applies to be admitted to the congregation, and this first by holy baptism. This the brethren gladly approved.

3. It was less easy to grant a similar request by Saml. Cecil and his wife to belong to the congregation. The matter is to be reconsidered after further inquiries shall have been made about him.

5. Similarly the request of the widowed Susan Painter to belong to Friedberg was approved.

6. It was thought to be necessary to investigate the circumstances at the Single Brethren's lovefeast.

*Minutes of the Committee of the Friedland Congregation  
For the Year 1852.*

[*Extracts translated. Most of the minutes are  
recorded in English.]*

*Feb. 18. Meeting of the Heads of Households.*

1. The pastor announced that it was necessary to discuss the cultivation [of the congregation fields]. It was agreed to see whether some of the brethren might be willing to undertake this and the other members pay for it.

Brother Gottlieb Seides offered to cultivate the cornland (and harrow it), and it was decided to give him 18 dollars in payment for this.

2. Br. Samuel Steward offered to sow the oats (and to harrow them). He is to have 7 dollars for this.

3. It was decided that the brethren should be asked to come together on Wednesday and Thursday, the 25th and 26th of this month, to get wood to repair the fences and to fix the woodshed.

*Note:* From this point on the minutes were kept in English.

[This year saw an uneasy peace follow the Kaffir War along the frontier of Cape Colony in Africa. In Europe, however, a dispute between Turkey and Russia came to a crisis. Allegedly it centered about Russia's interference in the control of the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. The conflict led to Turkey's declaring war on Russia. In time this conflict involved most of Europe in what became known as the Crimean War.

In the United States the New York Central Railroad was incorporated, and rail travel became established between New York and Chicago. By the Gadsden Purchase, the United States acquired additional territory both in New Mexico and in what is now Arizona. The future state of Washington was carved out of the Oregon Territory. In New Orleans a fearful yellow fever epidemic raged during the summer. New York held a "world's fair" in its Crystal Palace to display the industrial progress of this country; the President formally opened this exhibition.

In North Carolina Calvin H. Wiley began his illustrious career as the organizer of the state's educational system.]

*Minutes of the Wachovia Provinzial Helper Conferenz in Salem  
For the Year 1853.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 17.*

3. A letter from Br. Robert Schweinitz, dated January 5, was also received on the eleventh of this month. It indicated that the date of his leaving Lancaster could not as yet be determined with any certainty. For the sake of his wife, whose present condition hardly permits her to travel by mail coach, he requests that a private carriage might be sent to meet them, which Br. Emil Schweinitz will take care of. To make things easier for them, Br. and Sr. Robert Schweinitz should further be advised to travel to Fayetteville via Wilmington. From there they can reach here without much hardship on the plank road.

4. In a letter, dated January 10, Br. Oerter expresses the wish to send his son Edmund, who will be 10 in May, to Nazareth for further education; there shortly will be a good opportunity to do this. The P.H.C. gladly granted Br. Oerter's request and considers it proper to have the travel expenses of said boy borne by the U.M.D.

5. Br. Emil Schweinitz reported that Br. Joshua Boner had stated to him that he could not continue to serve as the accountant at the Girls' Boarding School for the salary hitherto paid him (\$200 a year plus a gratuity of at least \$25.00). This led to a long discussion regarding the desirability of increasing his salary. Even though both the Inspector and the P.H.C. acknowledge the value of the services which Br. Boner has rendered hitherto and very much desire to be able to benefit by them in future also, particularly at the time of the imminent change of Inspectors, they could not convince themselves of the wisdom of raising his salary, which seemed to them adequate in view of his services. They hope that by means of proper representations on the part of the Inspector he may become satisfied.

*Feb. 8.*

4. Br. C. F. Seidel in a letter to Br. Herman, dated January 15, expresses the wish on behalf of the Pennsylvania P.H.C. that they might receive from time to time a list of the contributions received here for the benefit of our mission cause for publication in the *Church Miscellany*. We shall see to it that this is done in future. It is proposed further in said letter that the annual account of the Wa. Sustent. Diac. should be communicated to the Pennsylvania P.H.C. even as the accounts of the Penns. Sust. Diac. are communicated to us by their being published in the *Church Miscellany*.

Since the latter is done not at our request, but in accordance with a resolution of the Pennsylvania Provincial Synod, and we consider the publication of the account of the Sustentation Diacony at this place not to be desirable, our P.H.C. cannot comply with the request of that in Pennsylvania.

5. It is to be seen from a letter of Br. Martin Hauser's, dated January 10 and received on February 2, that the friends in Olney who have friendly relations with us want to take steps to build a meetinghouse of their own.

6. Letters have also reached us from the Brn. G. Bishop and Miles Vogler, dated December 16 and January 1. The former reports the safe arrival of the Single Br. Sam. Warner and his travel companion, the Cherokee Br. Arch. Henry, on November 22. As a result of these reinforcements, the school at N. Spring-place, which had not been held for awhile, could be reopened. Br. Vogler's letter reported that he and his family had arrived

at Canaan safely and in good health on December 26, after a somewhat arduous journey from Van Buren, and had been lovingly received by Br. and Sr. Mack.

*Feb. 15.*

2. It was learned from a letter of Br. Jacobson's, dated February 10 and received on the 17th, that the P.H.C. in Bethlehem had, for reasons which were stated, refused a request that had reached them, made in the name of our local church administration. The request had been for an annual contribution of \$40.00 from the diacony of the schools at that place towards the pension of Br. Wm. Meinung, in view of his former service at Nazareth Hall.

3. The main reason for today's session was a short letter from Br. J. A. Friebele, dated January 31, which arrived on the 12th of this month. Referring in it to an earlier letter of January 3, which however has not yet reached us, he urgently requests permission to give up his post at Woodstock Mills and to return to Salem. As his reason for this request, he states in general terms that he and his wife had to bear only ridicule and annoyances from Mr. Alberti and that the latter seemed intent on replacing them by calling a black minister from Savannah. At Mr. Alberti's invitation the latter had visited Woodstock Mills repeatedly and had helped to alienate the affection of the negroes from them, which unhappily had already occurred to a certain degree. —It was with sorrow that the P.H.C. learned that the affairs of the mission in eastern Florida had taken such an unfavorable turn. But since data are lacking for a proper assessment of this case, Br. Herman is to write both to Br. Friebele and to Mr. Alberti for the present and specifically to advise the former to discuss with the latter the unfortunate relations which have developed. If they cannot reach an agreement, or if Mr. Alberti should go so far as to indicate to Br. Friebele that he does not desire his services any more, *the latter shall be at liberty to leave his present post and return to Salem.*

*March 4.*

2. It was learned from a letter from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated January 29 and 30 and received on February 24, that Br. and Sr. Jacob Siewers of this place were proposed for a vacancy in mission service in Barbadoes, but again had

not been accepted \* [by the lot]. It is reported further that Br. J. B. Hamel, up to this time the mission agent in Altona, is thinking of seeking employment in this country because of his having gone bankrupt. His case is commended to us by the U.A.C. —Entirely willing though we would be to assist our brother in this, there is no place at all for him in this district.

3. In a letter, dated February 9 and received on the 22nd, Br. Martin Hauser reports that he is about to leave on a journey east to gather contributions in the congregations there to meet the costs of the building planned at Olney (see the minutes of February 8, paragraph 5). Since this journey is also intended to be a vacation for him, he hopes that we will agree to bear the costs of it from this end. Since Br. Hauser has undertaken this journey without our instructions, the P.H.C. cannot agree to comply with this request of his, especially since it could become a precedent and cause difficulties in future.

4. From Br. Friebele there finally was received on the 17th of last month the letter, dated January 3, referred to in the minutes of February 15, paragraph 3, and also a later one, dated February 18, on March 3. In the latter Br. Friebele reports that Mr. Alberti *had dismissed him* . . . So it is to be expected that they may arrive here at any time. Therefore, a place must be found for them at once. Since for the present no other expedient could be thought of, Sr. Denke is to be asked to take in said brother and sister for the time being until some other quarters can be found for them.

6. Br. Robert Schweinitz, who arrived here safely with his family on February 23 and was installed by Br. Herman as the future Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School on the 2nd of this month, reports that Br. Boner has renewed his request for an increase in the remuneration which he has received in the past as bookkeeper. As grounds for this he has stated that, due to the present large enrollment, he is obliged to devote more time to his duties as bookkeeper than is compatible with his private affairs, which must suffer in consequence. The P.H.C. saw no reason to alter the opinion which it had formerly expressed regarding this matter (see the minutes of January 17, paragraph 5). Nevertheless, due mainly to the consideration that the new Inspector, having just assumed office, could not at that time dispense with the services of a brother who was so familiar with the external affairs of the boarding school except with the

greatest inconvenience, it was induced to approve Br. Joshua Boner's receiving a remuneration of at least \$250 for the coming year in addition to the gratuity hitherto customary.

7. At this point it was mentioned that teachers in the Girls' Boarding School, when first employed, should in every instance be approved by the P.H.C. The newly-appointed Inspector is to have his attention drawn to this. In this connection it was reported that Sr. Maria Vogler of this place has been employed as teacher in place of Sr. Margt. Morrow, who is leaving. The P.H.C. had no objection to this.

*March 14. Br. E. A. Schweinitz attending.*

The P.H.C. had a detailed discussion with Br. J. A. Friebele, who had returned here on the 6th of this month from his former post at Woodstock Mills in eastern Florida with his wife and his little daughter, born on January 12. Since our last meeting, 3 letters had been received from Mr. Alberti, namely those dated February 17, 24, and 28, all of which concerned the unfortunate relations which had developed between him and Br. Friebele. Particularly the first of the said letters contained a very detailed and circumstantial account of the various incidents which contributed to creating these unfortunate relations. Intrinsically they were not of any great importance, but they served to create distrust and suspicion on the part of Br. Friebele against Mr. Alberti and to make it difficult for him to carry out the duties of his calling. Without desiring to express any judgment as to whether Mr. Alberti's actions really provided sufficient cause for such distrust, the P.H.C. cannot but criticize Br. Friebele's attitude and conduct at various points, particularly in that he decided to leave his post and therefore actually began arrangements for this *without letting Mr. Alberti have the slightest warning thereof*, which was his obvious duty in view of their special relations; further, insofar as Br. Friebele had hurt Mr. Alberti's feelings at a very tender point but made no effort to be reconciled with him before leaving.

Nor can the P.H.C. fail to criticize his decision to return hither immediately after his letter of February 18 (see the minutes of March 4, paragraph 4) without awaiting permission for this, as could rightly have been expected in view of his own earlier statement and the general circumstances. The fact that his actual departure did not take place until after the receipt of

the official communication, which gave him permission to leave his post under certain circumstances, does not appear fully to justify his action, nor is the *failure* of Br. Friebele to have had an interview with Mr. Alberti about what had occurred less blameworthy. He had been advised by us to do this, and it might possibly have removed the unhappy relations which had developed. Regarding the latter item, Br. Friebele said in his justification that he had considered it entirely useless *after Mr. Alberti had dismissed him* to seek an interview with the latter, which doubtless would have been quite in vain. It was for this reason that he had abstained from doing it.

He stated further that in general he had had no intention whatsoever of acting contrary to the rules or to the intent of the P.H.C. and thought that his special circumstances would justify his conduct, especially since it had been obvious to him for a considerable time that Mr. Alberti would welcome his withdrawing from service. —The P.H.C. is unable to concur with him entirely in this last opinion.

At the close of this interview Br. Friebele indicated his willingness to be of service in any capacity, as for instance the distribution of Bibles and tracts in this area. Since Br. Byhan has repeatedly requested to be relieved from serving the little negro congregation and has done so again, its care could give Br. Friebele additional employment. —For his present support he will receive the usual pension from the Un. Missions Diac.

*Addendum:* Mr. Alberti has asked us to send a brother to Florida who has had *advanced training*, if such were available. Since this is *not* the case, we must consider the mission at Woodstock Mills as terminated.

#### *April 1.*

Br. Emile v. Schweinitz became responsible for the minutes.

3. Br. Lewis Rights at Friedland had handed in a communication in which he requests that a note for \$40.00 owed by him to the administration be forgiven. In support of this request he cites his indigent circumstances, which render it impossible for him to pay this sum either now or in future. After giving consideration to all the circumstances, the P.H.C. found reason to grant this request and voted to have the Sustentation Diac. cancel the note.

4. Regarding a dwelling for Br. J. A. Friebele, it was decided to offer to rent from the G. Diac. the house which the late Br.

Renatus Schmidt had occupied. Further, Br. Friebele is to be called to take charge of the little negro congregation in Salem. Sunday, April 10, would be a suitable date for him to commence this service. On Sunday, the 3rd of this month, at the Holy Communion, Br. G. Byhan will bid farewell to this little group after his long, faithful service.

Mr. Alberti, who had wished to pay Br. Friebele his full salary to the time of his leaving, reports that the latter had refused to take more than half of it. Therefore, he (Alberti) sends the other half, in the amount of \$27.77, to Br. Herman to be used at the discretion of the P.H.C. Since no doubt this money really is due to Br. Friebele, it was decided to offer it to him again. Should he refuse to accept it, it is to be used in partial payment of his travel expenses.

5. A letter from Br. Miles Vogler from Canaan, dated January 15 and 28, was received on March 3. In it he reports that the mission conference had organized, with Br. Vogler's becoming chairman. It had held its first session on January 24, in which it was decided to submit the following 3 items to the P.H.C. for its decision:

- a. the transfer of the station from Canaan to Mt. Zion;
- b. the termination of common housekeeping;
- c. the establishment of a clothing allowance for each family.

Arguments for and against are stated by Br. Vogler in his letter, as also by Br. Bishop in a letter to Br. Kluge: a. In favor of moving to Mt. Zion the following is to be said: More full-blooded Cherokees live in the region of Mt. Zion than of Canaan, and they are chiefly poorer people. The mission school would serve a more useful purpose there, since at Canaan there is a public government school which is attended by the children of the half-breeds. A larger number of Indians would attend the Sunday services. Further, Br. Vogler does not believe that the costs of such a transfer would amount to more than the erection of the buildings already approved for Canaan.

In opposition it is stated Canaan is already established; that it is the most convenient spot for getting the necessary provisions and is the most pleasant place to live. Furthermore, Br. Bishop believes that the transfer or, more accurately, the establishment of a new station would entail considerably increased costs and that the other aims could also be reached at Canaan, since the distance between the both places is only

3 miles and services can now be held at both places on Sundays. The P.H.C. could not consider the reasons given as sufficient for this transfer and, therefore, decided to advise the mission conference against this step.

The buildings which have already been approved for Canaan must be erected and Br. Bishop, as Vorsteher of the missions, will see to this in view of his office. The P.H.C. does not consider Br. Mack as the Vorsteher for Canaan, but simply as being charged with attending to the routine temporal matters there. The accounts for this station, however, can best be kept by Br. Vogler.

Another request of Br. Vogler's was also dealt with, namely that a suitable dwelling be built for Br. and Sr. Welfare at New Springplace and that the Vorsteher, Br. Bishop, should supervise this. Br. Saml. Warner can then move into the cabin which Br. and Sr. Welfare now occupy.

b. The second item, the terminating of common housekeeping, was then taken up. The P.H.C. regretted that through a misunderstanding of Br. M. Vogler's, who seems to assume that permission was given for such a step at Canaan during his interview with the P.H.C. (see the minutes of November 15, 1852), this matter was discussed by the mission conference. The P.H.C. never has contemplated terminating common housekeeping at Canaan nor permitted this, and it cannot allow such action to be taken either there or at N. Springplace. Decisive economic considerations stand in the way of such a plan.

c. Action on the third item, the fixing of a clothing allowance, was postponed, since the P.H.C. does not have clear comprehension of this matter and several of our brethren and sisters at the mission only a few months ago were newly outfitted. For the present, therefore, the former arrangement continues regarding this item also.

6. Finally, a letter was submitted from Br. F. F. Hagen, in which he offers to go to Woodstock Mills to serve in the mission among the negroes in case he should receive a call to this place \* (supported by the lot). The P.H.C. considered that before any further steps should be taken it would be well to discuss this his offer with Br. Hagen. Therefore, the P.H.C. had an interview with Br. Hagen on April 7, the outcome of which was that Br. Hagen withdrew his offer.

*May 12.*

The purpose of the meeting this evening was action to be taken regarding the names submitted by Br. Hagen of those who have applied at Friedberg and Hope for confirmation or baptism and thus for membership in the church. At *Friedberg* there have applied: Philip Hoffman, a single man, for confirmation; Susanna Kreutfusser, m. n. Painter, a married woman, for confirmation; the widowed Susanna Painter, for confirmation; Mary Knaus, a single woman, for confirmation. They have been recommended by Br. Hagen and the committee. The P.H.C. gives its approval, and these persons will be confirmed at Friedberg on Whitsunday, the Lord willing. At Hope the following have applied and are recommended by Br. Hagen and the committee: Elisab. Peddycord, m. n. Besom, a married woman, for baptism; Mary Williams, a single woman, for baptism; Rebecca Ball, m. n. Essig, a married woman, for confirmation. The P.H.C. gives its approval and the above-mentioned persons are to be received into the congregation at Hope on Trinity Sunday by baptism and confirmation.

*July 15.*

2. At the request of Br. Hagen the P.H.C. gave him permission to enter his oldest daughter, Susan, in our Girls' Boarding School when the schools open, even though she has not reached the full age of 10 years. Since she is a competent child and there is no opportunity for schooling in Friedberg, the P.H.C. thought that it could make an exception to the rule in her favor.

5. Two letters from Br. Jacobson in Bethlehem, one dated April 22 and received on the 27th, the other July 8 and received on the 14th—mainly the latter—contained the following items for consideration. The P.H.C. at Bethlehem again raises the question of increasing the pension of the Widowed Sr. Mary Reichel, because in Pennsylvania the pension for widows has been increased from \$50.00 to \$75.00 since June 1, 1852. Therefore, it would like to have the P.H.C. at this place agree to pay Sr. Reichel an additional \$10.00, retroactive to June 1, 1852, so as to bring her pension at least to \$60.00 (the amount of the widows' pension in Wachovia). The P.H.C. voted to grant Sr. Mary Reichel an annual pension of \$75.00 effective June 1, 1853, but no retroactive amount for the past year; thus she will be placed on entirely the same footing as the Pennsylvania widows

from now on. It was further voted to have the local Sustentation Diac. assume this sister's pension as of June 1, 1853, and no longer carry it in the boarding school account as heretofore. Br. Jacobson further offers to let us use one or the other of the young brethren who have just left the seminary. The P.H.C. has consulted our school committee about this and has learned that just now there is no opening to be filled in the boys' school.

*Aug. 6.*

2. Letters from Br. Miles Vogler and Gilbert Bishop report that Br. Herman's letter to Br. Vogler, sent on April 13, had not yet been received. It had contained the decision of our P.H.C. regarding the transfer of the mission station from Canaan to Mt. Zion and the setting up of separate housekeeping. Br. Vogler's letter of April 21, received on June 6, contains a repetition of the arguments for the transfer of the station to Mt. Zion (see the minutes of April 1, paragraph 5) and also expresses his desire for the introduction of separate housekeeping. Br. Vogler reports further that he and Br. Mack had begun to preach every fortnight at Maysville, Arkansas. He adds finally that upon invitation of Martha Vann, m. n. McNair, a former pupil in the Salem Girls' Boarding School, he intended to pay a visit to Mrs. Vann on the Grande River to see whether there were an opportunity in that region to be active in the proclamation of the gospel. Br. Bishop's letter of June 17, received on July 22, contains a detailed statement of the reasons why now he too, contrary to his former views, favors the transfer of the station to Mt. Zion and the introduction of separate housekeeping. The reasons as given by Br. Bishop are the following, mostly already mentioned:

a. No school can be held at Canaan because of the public school in the immediate neighborhood.

b. Canaan is considered as belonging to the half-breeds; the poorer full-blooded Cherokees do not attend church there. Mt. Zion lies in an area where the poorer class of Cherokees are likely to persist and where church attendance would be better, since the full-blooded Cherokees do not like to join in fellowship with the richer and more prominent half-breeds.

c. Even though Canaan is an established station, it does not contain any improvements of real value. The buildings are in poor repair, and the construction of the new church has

not yet been begun. Any lumber of value and also doors and window frames could easily be moved to Mt. Zion. At Mt. Zion there already is a church and the log walls of two houses are still in good condition, so that these houses could be made habitable if provided with new windows and a new roof. The mission conference, therefore, is of the unanimous opinion that the transfer from Canaan to Mt. Zion should be carried out. As regards the setting up of separate housekeeping, Br. Bishop writes further that it is now the unanimous desire of the mission conference to introduce this because in this way various unpleasantnesses could be avoided that otherwise must be feared, and savings would also be encouraged. In closing he reports the decision of their mission conference to put the buildings at Mt. Zion into habitable condition immediately so that Br. and Sr. Vogler could move there to commence the school, for the conduct of which they had in part received their call to this mission field.

In the course of a thorough consideration of all of the arguments advanced, in connection with which the P.H.C. observed that Br. Bishop's views had changed completely since his earlier letters, regret was again expressed that the members of our Cfz. were not personally acquainted with the locale of the mission. It was decided that the visitation of the Cherokee mission, which has long been desirable, should be carried out so soon as circumstances permit, if possible during the course of next year. Because of the urgent representations of the mission conference, the P.H.C. was prevailed upon to approve the above-mentioned decision according to which Br. and Sr. Vogler will move to Mt. Zion and open the school there. Br. Mack remains at Canaan. As a result of this, the common housekeeping will come to an end at Canaan. P.H.C. also permits separate housekeeping to be introduced at New Spring-place on a trial basis until the visitation takes place. All these arrangements, however, are to be considered merely as tentative until we can finally settle these matters by means of a visitation. The P.H.C. further states that the responsibility for these measures must rest with the missionaries, since its approval for them was given only on account of their urgent representations.

3. Finally it was mentioned that, since the fence around the negro God's Acre in Salem is very dilapidated, the Female Mis-

sionary Society has expressed its willingness to replace it at its expense and that the Aufs. Colleg. had stated that it had never given permission or liberty of any kind for members living in the neighborhood to use the God's Acre as a thoroughfare or as a place to bleach their clothes. This abuse which has crept in can therefore be done away with once and for all by means of a strong new fence.

*Aug. 31. Br. Robt. Schweinitz attending.*

2. Br. Robt. Schweinitz, the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School, submitted the annual financial account of this institution to the P.H.C. from June 1, 1852, to May 31, 1853, and also the balance sheet for the last-named day. The former showed a gratifying surplus of \$8,827.01, which was allocated as follows:

1. Contribution to the Wa. Sustent. Diaconie	\$2,500.00
2. Reserve for losses of the cotton factory	2,000.00
3. Reserve for furnishings	550.00
4. Reserve for beds	450.00
5. Contribution to the music account	25.00
6. Reserve for repairs	102.01
7. Reserve for building fund	3,200.00
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3. The plans for the new building for the Girls' Boarding School were thereupon submitted. A new building is to be erected in place of the present old Gemeinhaus, with a wing for sick rooms, etc., and a 2nd wing behind the present brick building for dining hall and chapel. Since the P.H.C. had approved such a building two years ago and the absolute need for it has since then become increasingly clear, it was happy that this desirable undertaking could soon be realized. It approved the plans submitted, according to which the cost would amount to from \$20,000 to \$30,000. Only by means of such construction can the necessary space and the conveniences in the arrangements of the Boarding School, now lacking, be provided for the pupils. The major part of the estimated costs has already been reserved for this purpose. Actual building operations can hardly be begun before June, 1854.

4. Sr. M. Dencke, who is still active in school service, cannot manage on her present income, chiefly because of heavy outlays caused by her ailing sister. She does not wish to accept

a pension, to which she would no doubt be entitled, but she would be grateful if the Girls' Boarding School could assist her by increasing her very small salary. Following a discussion with the Inspector, an increase of \$3.00 every four weeks was decided upon for her.

*Sept. 27.* Br. Robt. Schweinitz attending.

1. The main purpose of this meeting was that of negotiating again with the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School about the new building. Br. R. Schweinitz reports that Br. Francis Fries is willing to act as builder for the entire edifice, to negotiate all contracts, to procure all necessary materials, and to devote his time to the construction until its completion, as though it were his own. In payment he asks for \$1,000, or \$500 if he were to be permitted to make contracts on his own account. The P.H.C. was convinced that Br. Fr. Fries would be the most suitable person to supervise the construction of so large a building because of his wide experience, his activity, and his energy; further, it considered his proposals regarding payment not at all unreasonable when consideration was given to all that he became responsible for—among the rest, a journey to the North to purchase and to inspect various items. The P.H.C. approved Br. Fr. Fries's being assured of \$1,000 in payment for his services as builder under the above conditions. The P.H.C. also requested Br. Emil Schweinitz to consult with the Inspector regarding building details.

2. The financial account of the Wa. Sustentation Diac. was then examined. As a result of a contribution from the Girls' Boarding School of \$2,500 and of the Single Sisters' diacony of \$200, it showed an excess of income of \$1,065.08 $\frac{3}{4}$ . As of May 31, 1853, the reserve fund amounts to \$4,336.08 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

3. Br. Herman will write to Pennsylvania regarding Sr. Hüffel's pension and carry on all necessary transactions regarding it.

*Oct. 10.*

3. On September 21 a letter had been received from Br. Kluge, dated September 14, containing a detailed account of the condition of the congregation at New Salem. In it Br. Kluge reports that he had found the spiritual and temporal condition of the congregation better than he had expected. The residents of the community, chiefly German brethren, have enough work and seem

to have surmounted the initial difficulties of a new settlement; in general, they expressed themselves as content with their situation and manifested a conscientious spirit. They seem mostly to be Christian people, truly concerned to walk as befits the gospel. The American brethren, whose homes are scattered throughout the countryside, also appear to desire to be conscientious both as individuals and as members of the congregation. Br. Kluge gained a very good impression, especially of the brethren on the committee. The services are well attended on the whole, the Sunday School is flourishing, and there is a friendly relationship between the German and American members of the congregation, and apparently it never has been otherwise. The former quarrels appear to have really been between Br. Martin Hauser and the Germans. It is, however, gratifying that between them too a friendly relationship seems to have been established. Most of the members contribute willingly and in accordance to their means to the support of the minister and to the needs of the congregation. For the current year about \$150 was subscribed. The residents of the community continue to cherish the desire, which they also strongly urged again, that an effort should be made to establish a congregational school. In a meeting of the committee with Br. Kluge it was decided in reference to the *church land* of 40 acres that, after the balance of the purchase price shall have been paid, a proposal is to be made to the proprietor regarding said land to have him issue a deed in trust to the trustees of the congregation at New Salem, which, however, would contain the specific provision that said trustees would not be empowered to sell the land or any part of it without first having secured the express permission of the proprietor in office at the time. Br. Kluge reports the following for future discussion regarding the frequently proposed transfer to the northern boards of the home mission activity in Illinois and of the congregation at New Salem: that Br. Martin Hauser would unquestionably like to have the home mission work which he serves transferred to the Bethlehem Home Mission Board. But he makes one absolute condition as to *his own* activity in it, that he should be paid, as a home missionary, an allowance of \$100 annually from some board or other and, further, that no change should be made in his pension rights or those of his widow or in the education of his children.

Br. Senseman is of the opinion that should a transfer of the home mission work come to pass, it would be best for the congrega-

gation at New Salem also to be transferred to the P.A.C. at Bethlehem. He would be agreeable to such a measure, though as a native North Carolinian he does not seem to be especially interested in its taking place. But he also stated to Br. Kluge that this should be done with the express provision that *he* should continue to receive an annual grant of \$100 so long as this would be necessary. Br. Senseman believes one need not fear that the congregation at New Salem would raise any objections against such a transfer.

Finally Br. Kluge also reports that in his opinion, in which Br. Senseman fully concurs, the building of a Moravian church at Olney, which Br. M. Hauser plans, represents a premature step, since there are hardly any prospects of gathering a Moravian congregation there. The P.H.C. discussed at length the various items which Br. Kluge deals with in his communication and decided in regard to the transfer of the work in Illinois to the northern boards to initiate only tentative negotiations with the P.A.C. at Bethlehem for the present.

5. Since the P.H.C. has learned that Br. Lewis Rights has taken over the district school near Friedland as a teacher, something that must hinder him in his calling to be active as a home missionary in the vicinity, and also that he preaches repeatedly on a Sunday at the Jerusalem Church for the negroes and thus reduces considerably the attendance at the preaching service in the real negro church here at Salem, it was decided to have an interview with Br. Rights as soon as convenient.

*Nov. 30.*

2. Br. Herman has spoken to Br. L. Rights and reports that Br. Rights had stated that he would give up the district school at the end of the year so soon as his contract with the school committee would expire. In his defense he pointed out that he had not altogether neglected his visiting because of the school and that in taking over the district school he had intended to pay off old debts which he still owed, to meet which he did not like to apply to the P.H.C. for help. Regarding his preaching for the negroes, Br. Rights stated that he had begun to do this at the request of a number of negroes without the least idea that this might influence the attendance at the negro church at Salem.

3. A letter from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated October 8 and received on November 2, brought a message of good wishes from the U.A.C. on the occasion of the centennial jubilee

of the beginning of Wachovia at Bethabara. This festival was observed on November 17 and 18, and in the lovefeast held on the 18th this message was communicated and listened to with close attention. These festival days, we hope, will have had blessed results for many of those who were present, even though in the Bethabara congregation itself just at present a number of distressing events have taken place.

4. For Br. Oerter has reported to the P.H.C. that in a congregation council meeting on the preceding Saturday much bitterness was shown by various brethren against each other and especially against the committee, due in part to a discussion regarding the utilization of the collection taken during the last days of the festival. The brethren of the committee, induced by the distrust which was plainly shown, resigned their office, and the congregation council immediately proceeded to elect a new committee in spite of the obvious excitement prevailing and the utterly unfraternal and unchristian spirit of the meeting. Under these circumstances the P.H.C. could not give its approval to this election, being of the opinion that under the circumstances no election should have taken place, least of all in the same session. The P.H.C. therefore voted to indicate in writing to the congregation at Bethabara its regret at the discord that had developed, to admonish it to seek love and brotherly unity, and to advise it to request the old committee to continue to remain in office.

5. Br. Edward Belo, administrator of the estate of the late Br. J. R. Schmidt, has submitted an inventory, according to which it appears that there are \$184.50 more of debt, including the burial expenses, than of effects. The P.H.C. regretted very much that Br. Schmidt did not apply for assistance while he was still living, if he really needed it, and recognized that to cancel the deficit now would be a transaction which could have most questionable results. The costs of the funeral, etc., will, however, no doubt have to be paid. Regarding the liquidation of the balance of the deficit, about \$154, it was decided to correspond with the Mission Department out of regard for the widow and because it is a hateful thing for a brother who has long been in service to leave unpaid debts behind him.

*Minutes of the Aufseher Collegium in Salem For the Year 1853.*

[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 17.*

Following the election by a majority vote in a congregation council meeting on the 10th of this month, the brn. of the Aeltst. Confz. met with [the new members]. After introductory devotional exercises and the reading aloud of the instructions governing the Aufs. Col., it was organized by the election of Br. C. F. Kluge as chairman and Br. Thos. Pfahl as recording secretary.

Those brn. of the Aeltst. Confz. who are not ex officio members of the Aufs. Col. then left and

1. the minutes of the Col. for November 29 were read. In connection with them it is to be noted that Br. Sussdorff has since then applied to buy the pottery building even *minus the music hall*. However, since he has not said anything more about this matter for several weeks and it is not certain that he still has this intention, it was decided to table his application until further notice.

With reference to paragraph 2 it should be noted that the contemplated meeting of the heads of households and master workmen was held in the month of December. In it certain resolutions were adopted which are to be distributed to the heads of households and master workmen in printed form.

As regards the disorders in the organ loft, a meeting was held by those brethren who participate in the church music. In it the decision was reached that they themselves will abstain from using the loft except during those services in which they take an active part in the music. Only the organists are to have a place in this loft on every occasion, and a key to the loft has been given each of them and also to the organ blowers.

The Col. sanctions this regulation taken by the musicians, as the Aeltst. Confz. had done previously.

2. Since Br. Wm. Meinung has for several years been unable to support himself by teaching due to his broken health, it will be the duty of the church authorities to provide him with a pension. Although this br. has been more or less active in the local town school in recent years, he formerly was employed as a teacher at Nazareth Hall, and that until such time as the condition of his health forced him to give up this position. There-

fore, the Col. was of the opinion that Nazareth Hall or perhaps the Pennsylvania Sustentations-Diaconie might equitably be expected to bear half of his pension, and it requests the P.H.C. at this place to use its influence with the northern board toward this end.

3. It has been found that a certain lawyer—who has lodged at Ad. Butner's tavern for several years—has had illicit relations with a Single Sister who works there. The Col. was therefore asked whether he should remain in the community any longer, or whether steps should be taken to have Br. Butner compel him to leave. This—it was said—he was prepared to do if it were required. After a thorough discussion of this matter, the Col. could not agree upon insisting that this man leave, since, even though he was not without guilt in this case, still he could not be considered a person who was harmful to others. Furthermore, so many similar cases have occurred during the last years of which no notice had been taken that we should expose ourselves to many unpleasant charges of partiality if we should insist on this man's going. Br. Butner, however, is to be urged to maintain proper order in his establishment.

4. Br. George Hege would like to have a strip of land adjoining his lot to the east included in his lease as far as the mill race. Since it can be of no use to anyone else, the Col. grants him an extension of his lot to within one rod of the mill race. The Collegium also approves his enlarging his dwelling house and his constructing various buildings on this lot.

5. The construction of the Odd Fellows' hall over and around the market house now indicates that a good space could be gained for the market in the present fire engine house, provided the sides of this house (namely the market house) were torn down to the east and the north and the present middle partition wall and the side to the south were extended as far as the east side of the new house. At the same time a storage room of 25 by 30 feet would be gained for the fire engines and other fire apparatus. In view of this the Col. voted to have this done.

6. The Brn. Charles Cooper, Lewis Belo, Thos. Pfahl, and Elias Vogler were appointed as fire inspectors for this winter.

*Jan. 31.* All members present.

1. Following the reading and approval of the minutes of the last session, it was noted that Br. Sussdorff has since that time

definitely renewed his application to purchase the former pottery minus the music hall.

The Col. fears that a division of the property would lead to disputes of various kinds between the family which would then live in this house and those persons who would utilize the hall, and especially that thus the free use of it by the latter would be limited. Therefore, such a sale of this building was unanimously disapproved. Another argument against the sale is the fact, as already noted in the minutes of November 29, 1852, paragraph 1, that we have had no difficulty in renting this building up to the present.

2. The fire inspectors, who were appointed in accordance with paragraph 6, have completed their assignment and report as follows:

At Br. and Sr. Haman's house there is no fireproof container for ashes, and the smokehouse is also considered unsafe. Regarding the adjoining lot, now occupied by Br. Traug. Christ, they reported that the bake oven in the yard and also the roof of the building now housing the tailor shop are in hazardous condition, and instructions should be given without delay for correcting this. Minor items were found in connection with the bake ovens or fireplaces belonging to the Brn. Wm. Leinbach, James Fisher, Fr. Fries, and Wm. Boner, which could be corrected. The chief danger, however, seems to exist at Br. Alex. Ackerman's. There in a rear building, behind a walled-in cauldron which is used for laundry, a beam has been burned half-way through. The cause of this has been a damaged pipe which connects the draft under the cauldron with the chimney. Since, however, this pipe was completely demolished in the presence of the fire inspectors, it is to be hoped that thanks to a new one the danger will be precluded in future. —It would contribute much to the safety of the tavern if Br. Adam Butner were to secure a fender for each fireplace in the new part of the building, as used to be the case. The current fire inspectors gave it as their opinion that, generally speaking, fireplaces were in better condition at present than formerly and that thereby the danger of fire had probably been reduced. Nevertheless, they urged special caution, particularly in the joiners' workshops, in view of the chips which lie around.

3. Br. Christian Hege would like to rent a woodland lot of several acres in the neighborhood of Br. Staub's field to use the

timber standing on it for burning bricks. For he wishes to add a second story to his house and intends to manufacture the bricks himself.

The Col. cannot agree to let woodland be used for such purposes and therefore refuses to approve the application.

4. Br. George Folts applies to purchase all of the land belonging to the Gem. Diac. west of a line to be drawn from the southeast corner of Staub's field in a southerly direction to the Salisbury Road. He states that it amounts to between 20 and 30 acres. The Col. is not inclined to sell any Gem. Diac. land for the time being.

5. Br. G. F. Bahnsen has now taken over from Br. James Hall the meadow lying along the Belews Creek Road. He wishes to remove the west fence from the swampy ground to higher land, thus including some woodland and the water troughs.—The Col. consents to this on condition that the timber is not to be cut down.

6. The Brn. Wm. and Thomas Boner would like to have permission to fence in a piece of woodland of about 20 acres, adjoining the former Brietz plantation, to raise pigs there. The Col. cannot grant their wish since, based upon such concessions, demands for such land could be made only too readily with greater or lesser frequency as time passes; moreover, the indicated use of it would not be particularly advantageous.

7. Br. Wm. Hauser intends to build an addition to his shed, thus to gain a place for a workshop. The Col. approves.

*Feb. 28. Br. Charles Brietz being absent.*

1. In accordance with the request of the Aufs. Col. (see the minutes of January 17, 1853, paragraph 2), the P.H.C. of this place wrote to that in Pennsylvania regarding its sharing in the pension to be given to Br. Wm. Meinung; it has now received a negative reply with a statement covering their reasons for this. The Col. therefore voted that said br. should be paid an annual pension of \$80.00 by the Gem. Diac. At the same time it expressed the hope that, should this new burden prove onerous for the Gem. Diac., some assistance might perhaps be extended to it by the Sustentations Diac. of this place.

2. Quite some time ago the widower Joh. Heinrich Ladeck, who lives in our neighborhood, applied to be admitted to the local congregation, and the Aeltst. Confz. now desires to have

the opinion of the Col. regarding this. Since for quite a time now a change for the better seems to have taken place with this man, who formerly was greatly addicted to drink, the Col. has no objection to raise against his being admitted as a nonresident member.

3. A majority of the stockholders of the cotton factory voted in a recent general meeting to guarantee, in accordance with the number of shares held by each, the payment of such notes as are owing to nonstockholders. The Vorsteher in his official capacity, however, does not consider himself at liberty to undertake such obligations on behalf of the Gem. Diac. without prior consultation with the Aufs. Col. and the Aelts. Confz. Therefore, the Col. was now asked whether on its part it would authorize him to give such a guarantee in the name of the Gem. Diac. The Col. is unanimously of the opinion that integrity requires that these debts be paid and that the Gem. Diac. should bear its share of this burden. Therefore, it authorizes the Gem. Vorsteher to provide the required guarantee.

4. A suggestion which has repeatedly been made in meetings of the board of directors of the cotton factory was discussed, but without our arriving at any decision regarding it. It would propose that to facilitate the final winding up of the company, stockholders who have claims for money loaned to the factory should relinquish a part of them at once, and this in an amount equal to the stocks they hold—or, if the moneys loaned by them to the factory should not amount to that figure, then they should pay up the difference.

5. The Col. cannot grant the application of a br. for permission to cut down at the usual trunk fee about 100 trees of 20 inch diameter on land belonging to the Gem. Diac. to furnish them for the plank road, for by felling such a number of trees the value of the land would be decreased. It was also thought better to conserve such timber for the building of houses, etc.

*March 15.* Br. Elias Vogler being absent.

1. The Col. discussed once again the suggestion made in paragraph 4 [of the minutes of the last session], referring to the final winding up of the affairs of the cotton factory. From information received regarding this matter, it appears that several of the stockholders, like the Wachauer Administration and Dr. Schuman, had loaned the factory monies in excess of

twice the amount of their stock. The Gem. Diac., on the other hand, whose stock amounts to \$7,000, has thus far advanced only about \$4,000 and would have to pay approximately an additional \$3,000, if the suggestion made in paragraph 4 were carried out, so as to be on equal footing at this point with the other two stockholders just referred to. —Further, even after the proposed reduction [of their loans] in an amount of 100 per cent of their stock, there still would be a considerable sum owing to these two stockholders, which they could not be expected to forfeit. Therefore, the Gem. Diac. would have to be responsible for a share of this balance prorated to its stock; thus, its added outlay of the above-mentioned \$3,000, and consequently its final loss, would be increased by a considerable amount (just how much cannot as yet be determined).

Thorough consideration of this important matter followed. In it, on the one hand, the justice of such an additional payment on the part of the Gem. Diac. was not entirely disputed, but on the other, doubts were voiced as to whether the Col. had the authority to carry out such a transaction, since it administers not its own, but property entrusted to it. Finally it was decided to continue our discussion of this matter in a future session.

2. Br. Lewis Belo would like to build an addition to his stable. The Col. has no objection to this.

*April 4.* the Brn. Fr. Fries and Hy. Schaffner being absent.

1. The Aeltst. Confz. reported that Virginia Grant, a single woman who has lived in town for a number of years and whose conduct has been irreproachable, applied for admission in the congregation and accordingly was confirmed on Palm Sunday and thus received into the congregation. By an oversight, however, the Col. was not informed of this at the proper time. The Col. gave belated approval to her reception.

2. It was further reported that the Married Br. Carl Werner had been readmitted to church membership by the Aeltst. Confz. He had formerly been a member of the church at Christiansfeld, but had withdrawn from it by his marriage to a person not belonging to the church and had come here some months ago seeking readmission. His wife, formerly a member of the Lutheran church, also wishes to unite with the church. The Col. has no objection to her being received.

3. Br. Sandford Schulz would like to sell his house to Br. Carl Werner, and the Col. for its part approves this transaction.

4. The Widowed Sr. Gertraut Schmidt desires to move with her daughter into the rooms of the late Sr. Strohle in the Widows' House, which the Col. grants. Rent was set at \$20.00 annually.

5. Br. Augustus Fockel would like to rent a narrow strip of land from his present boundary line as far as the road and adjacent to Br. Wm. Hauser's outlot; it would probably amount to about 3 acres. The Col. grants this under the usual conditions.

6. Br. Traug. Chitty applies for about  $\frac{1}{2}$  an acre of land adjoining the Shallowford Road along the run that flows towards the tannery for the purpose of making a meadow there. The Col. advises against this plan of his.

7. The Widowed Sr. Cathar. Wohlfahrt would like to build a small portico in front of her house. The Col. does not want to refuse her request. Nevertheless, it is not to exceed 4 feet in width so as not to infringe too much upon the footpath.

*April 25.* Br. Chs. Brietz being absent.

Since Br. Charles F. Kluge, who has hitherto been the administrator of the property of the Unity in Wachovia and chairman of the Aufs. Col. at this place, left Salem several days ago following his election as a member of the U.A.C., his successor, Br. Emil A. Schweinitz, attended the Col. today in his ex officio capacity for the first time. He was welcomed by it and elected as its chairman.

2. The Married Br. Carl Werner wants to execute a deed of trust for his house as security for Br. W. Petersen. The Col. has no objection.

3. The Widowed Sr. Mahelia Butner applies to rent a room in the Widows' House. Since a room is soon to become vacant in this house, her request can be granted.

4. Since the plank road that is to be built will cut through Br. Rud. Christ's outlot in such a way as to render half of it useless, he now applies for another piece of land of 2 acres located in the neighborhood of Winston. He intends then to exchange the latter for that of Dietrich Tewes's adjacent to his (Christ's) present outlot. The Col. is quite agreeable to Br. Rud. Christ's getting D. Tewes's outlot, but cannot for various reasons provide the latter with any other.

In this connection it was mentioned that Br. Evan Boner, without notifying the Col. of this, had made over part of his outlot to said D. Tewes so as to receive \$45.00 from him in payment

for the improvements made on it. Consequently, he (Boner) will have to be notified that the Col. is unable to sanction this transaction and that he will have to get the land back from Tewes, since we want to have nothing to do with Tewes in view of his hostile attitude.

5. The Col. discussed the affairs of the cotton factory again at length and in detail (see the minutes of March 15, 1853, paragraph 1), but had to adjourn without having reached any further decision since it had become late in the evening.

*May 9.* the Brn. Chs. Brietz, F. Fries, and C. Cooper being absent.

1. Regarding paragraph 4 [of the preceding minutes] it could be reported that Br. Evan Boner, when he was asked about it, stated that his transaction with D. Tewes regarding the outlet had been made only with the proviso that the Col. would give its approval to it, but that since Tewes had already planted the land he could not well do otherwise than let him use it for this year.

2. Br. Chrн. Ebert applies once more to buy the southern part of the former pottery and offers \$140 for it. The Col., however, still remains unwilling to sell this building.

3. It was suggested that it would be helpful for the preservation of the springs, from which water is conducted into the town, to fence in part of the woodland around them. In this way the bushes, which otherwise would be damaged by the cattle, could grow up and provide shade for the land around these springs. Since the Col. considers this very advisable, it was resolved to put up a fence from the northwest corner of Br. Edwin Meinung's outlot to that of Sr. Anna Schober's.

4. Parmenio Schulz again applies for the narrow strip of land bordering on his land along both sides of the Lexington Road and offers \$4.00 an acre, the road included. The Col. adheres to its resolution made on March 22, 1852, according to which we would be willing to sell him this land for \$5.00 an acre.

*May 23.* the Brn. Chs. Cooper, Chs. Brietz, and Lewis Belo being absent.

1. The Brn. Edwd. Belo and Fr. Fries apply for permission from the Col. to erect a small brick building in the woods on the elevation near the northeast corner of the former Philip Blum plantation. It would be used to store their supply of gunpowder.

Since this would contribute significantly to the safety of the town and the place indicated would be an appropriate one for such a building, the Col. gladly gave its consent.

2. Br. Nathanael Vogler, who for several years has held the post of a forester in the Salem tract, wishes to resign from it. Since the Col. is entirely satisfied with his work and since we do not know of anyone so well fitted to supervise this sphere of activity, the Col. requests Br. N. Vogler to retain this office. It would also be prepared to grant him more compensation, should he desire it.

3. Even though Br. Aug. Fockel does not intend for the present to fell the timber on the  $2\frac{3}{4}$  acres of land granted him some time ago, the Col. still thought it best to ask him to pay the usual price for it, since this would preclude any future unpleasantness.

4. No godchild of the late Br. Magnus Hulthin is attending school any longer, and according to his will the interest on the capital which he bequeathed to the Gem. Diac. should in such a case be applied to the education of needy children who belong to the congregation (see the minutes of the Aufs. Col., July 8, 1844, paragraph 2). The Col. therefore decided that this year's interest should be used to pay the school fees for the daughters of the Widowed Sr. Anna Schaub and the son of Br. Lewis F. Eberhardt.

5. Br. Orren Mitchel now desires to purchase the house of his mother-in-law, the Widowed Sr. Mary Hein. The Col. had no objection to this.

6. The Col. discussed at length our apparatus for fighting fire and had to observe in this connection that they are not kept up properly by the fire company. It was decided to have the old fire engine, which is entirely useless in its present condition, made over into a "hose engine," and to have the hoses, fire ladders, and fire hooks put in good condition. A better system should be arrived at for transporting the latter. The fire engines can be kept conveniently in the very large space gained as a result of the construction of the hall for the Odd Fellows'. The Vorsteher was charged with seeing to it that these ideas would be carried out. There was further talk of buying an additional fire engine; the funds for this could perhaps be raised by voluntary contributions from the residents of the town.

June 6. The Brn. H. Leinbach and Elias Vogler being absent.

1. Another discussion of the affairs of the cotton factory led to no further result, but the resolution recorded in the minutes of February 28, 1853, paragraph 3, was reaffirmed.

2. Br. Henry Schaffner has turned over his meadow along the Belews Creek Road to Br. Bahnsen. The Col. gave its approval to this.

*July 18.* The Brn. Fr. Fries and Lewis Belo being absent.

1. The attention of the Col. was drawn by the Aeltst. Confz. to the noise made at times in the square of an evening, with a request that ways might be found of putting a stop to this. The Col. spent some time discussing this matter and postponed any further action to a subsequent meeting.

2. Br. Rud. Christ applies for an addition to the outlot which he had taken over from Br. Phil. Reich so that it might have regular proportions. The Col. grants this under the usual conditions.

The same brother made a further request to be allowed to fence in the hill lying north of this outlot and that which belongs to Sabina Schulz. This, however, was not granted for the reasons mentioned in the minutes of January 31, 1853, paragraph 6.

3. Br. Adam Butner plans to build a 2 storied addition on the north side of the tavern. Since this would extend almost to the boundary of the adjoining lot, the Col. recommends that he should reach an understanding with his neighbor as to how close the addition should come to the line.

4. It is desirable, due to her disturbed state of mind, for the Single Sr. Mary Spach to occupy a room by herself. At present this could be arranged only by having some other sister who lives by herself vacate her own room. Therefore, the Col. gave its approval to a Single Sister's moving into the Widows' House, where there are a number of vacant rooms at present.

*Aug. 1.* The Brn. Fr. Fries and Charles Brietz being absent.

1. The minutes of the last session having first been read and approved, it was reported in connection with paragraph 2 that Br. Rud. Christ again applies for permission to fence in the hill referred to and now offers to pay a reasonable rent for its use. However, the Col. cannot even now vote in favor of this for reasons already stated.

2. The Aeltst. Confz. presents the following question to the Col. Since the Female Missionary Society intends to put a new fence around the negroes' God's Acre, ought not Br. Vierling be prohibited from hanging laundry in it to dry, especially since it customarily hangs there of a Sunday? It was further mentioned that said brother has beaten a track to his stable through the God's Acre. —The Col. went on record that in its opinion the Prov. Helf. Confz., which has charge of the negro church, should be the board to attend to this matter; it added that the Col. had never sanctioned Br. Vierling's using the God's Acre in such a way.

3. Br. Augustus Zevely caused notice to be given that he intends to erect a narrow two-storied addition to his house along the entire vacant front of his lot. Its length is to be about 50 feet.

*Aug. 29.* The Brn. Chs. Brietz, Fr. Fries, and Elias Vogler being absent (the latter two out of town).

1. Regarding paragraph 1 [of the minutes of the last session] it should be stated that Br. Rud. Christ's application had been misunderstood in the past, for he wishes to have four other acres adjoining the field which he has taken over from Br. Phil. Reich—this in compensation for his 4 acre field which the plank road has cut in two. In view of the Col.'s having granted permission to the Plank Road Company to construct the road to town through diacony land without compensation, which has destroyed the usefulness of this field of Br. Christ's, the Col. is willing to let him have the land he desires. However, it should be surveyed up to the Waughtown Road to prevent the possibility of a narrow strip being left between the field and the road.

2. The nonresident Widowed Sister Sarah Farrar would like to lease a very small triangular patch of land between the west street in Winston and the Bethabara Road (near Br. V. N. Zevely's). She intends to build a little house for herself on it and perhaps lay out a garden there as well. She hopes to be able to do this by means of a pension she has prospects of receiving because of military services rendered by her husband. The Col. grants her request, but with the proviso that she shall be given a lease from year to year only and that after her decease her heirs are to remove the house and other improvements and return the land.

3. The Col. is unable to agree to the application of Elisabeth Schor, who has been employed in the tavern for a long time, to rent the former room of the Widowed Sr. Sus. Hagen.

4. The nonresident Married Sister Carolina Lagenauer would like to get living quarters in town for herself and her 2 children, since she intends to divorce her husband. In this connection she mentions the room in the Widows' House formerly occupied by her mother. Her relatives promise to help her pay the rent. —Lagenauer is ready to promise in writing that he would not force himself upon her again should she live in town. The Col. does not consider itself under any obligation to provide living quarters for her and is unable especially to agree to her moving into the Widows' House with her children, since this could be expected only to lead to annoyances.

5. The damage was discussed which is being done to the Gem. Diac. land, particularly in the vicinity of Winston, by the removal of clay for use in constructing buildings. However, no resolution was arrived at today as to what steps should be taken in this matter.

*Sept. 5.* The Brn. Chs. Brietz and Elias Vogler being absent.

1. This time the annual account of the Gem. Diac. showed a surplus of \$1,090.06 $\frac{1}{4}$ . This was due to a part of the late Br. Conrad Kreuser's residual estate, which is to come to the Gem. Diac., having been paid during this fiscal year. The payment amounted to \$1,136.30, from which amount \$3.37 was deducted which Br. Kreuser owed to the Gem. Diac. Furthermore, an old piano had been sold for \$20.00. The extraordinary income thus amounted to \$1,152.93. Had it not been for this unusual income, the Gem. Diac. would again have shown a deficit of \$62.86 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

2. The account of the Single Sisters' Diac. shows an excess of income of \$1,236.63 $\frac{1}{2}$ . This amount includes a gift of \$150 received from the Girls' Boarding School toward covering last year's deficit, and \$1,086.63 $\frac{1}{2}$  cleared by the activities of the establishment itself.

3. The Col. proposes to allocate the surplus in the two diaconies as follows:

- a. That of the Single Sisters'  
Diacony

\$1,236.63 $\frac{1}{2}$

To cover the actual deficit in the Gem. Diac.	62.86 $\frac{3}{4}$
To write off the deficit in the school account	91.04
To write off the cost of the new kitchen stove in the account of the Sisters' Diacony	294.97 $\frac{1}{2}$
Donation to the congrega- tional music	25.00
Donation to the Sisters' House library	25.00
Donation to the Wach. Sustentn.	200.00
Added to the reserve fund of the Sisters' House	350.00
Added to the "springs ac- count," for the purchase of iron or lead piping, the balance	187.75 $\frac{1}{4}$
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	\$1,236.63 $\frac{1}{2}$
b. That of the Gem. Diac. of	\$1,152.93
To write off the deficit in the account for repairs to the tavern	167.11
To write off [a portion] of the furnishings' account	100.00
To employ the rest of the sur- plus in writing off a num- ber of bad debts which have accumulated during the years but could not be covered before this—these having been examined by the Col. and approved by it.	

4. The civic and church account showed an excess of income amounting to \$131.41 $\frac{1}{2}$ , as a result of which its deficit was reduced to \$9.52 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

5. The waterworks account showed an excess of expenditures in amount of \$113.67 $\frac{1}{2}$ , caused by the construction of a new

waterwheel and various major repairs. The balance in this account was thus reduced to \$358.24 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

6. The lovefeast account shows an excess of expenditures of \$27.47 $\frac{1}{2}$ . However, since according to last year's account it still had a credit balance of \$14.60, it closes the year with an uncovered deficit of only \$12.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Sept. 12.* The Brn. C. Cooper and E. A. Vogler being absent.

1. Regarding paragraph 4 [of the preceding minutes] it should be stated that Sr. Lagenauer now applies for permission to occupy the southern part of the former pottery. The Col. holds that no action should be taken in this matter until a legal divorce has been granted.

2. In regard to the carting away of sand and clay for use in the construction of houses (see paragraph 5 of the minutes of August 29), it was decided to charge nonresidents of Salem something for this, namely about \$1.00 for as much clay or sand as would be required for laying 10,000 bricks. Clay is still to be donated without charge for a new church that is to be constructed in Winston.

3. The application of the Widowed Sr. Elisab. Krause to rent the room formerly occupied as a bedroom by Sr. Susanna Hagen was refused.

4. Br. Francis Fries, who is renting Br. Lewis Winkler's house in the latter's absence, announced that he had rented this dwelling for the time being to Henry Hughes, who has hitherto been living in the former pottery. The Col. gave its approval to Hughes's renting it from Br. Fries.

5. The application of Mr. Saml. Vaughan to rent living quarters for the winter together with his wife, who is a church member at Mount Bethel, in Br. and Sr. Werner's home was granted by the Col. He has been living near the mountains, has worked here in Salem for quite some time, and has proved to be a respectable and industrious man.

*Sept. 26.* Br. Chs. Brietz being absent.

1. The nonresident Widowed Sr. Sarah Farrar applies for permission to occupy the southern part of the former pottery. The Col. reached no decision in this matter.

2. The trustees and the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School have decided to erect a new building in the course of the coming year on the site of the former Gemein-Haus. In accord-

ance with the plans a wing is to be constructed at the north end, running east. This would extend into the present timber-yard, and in this wing the infirmary, etc., would be located. It is, therefore, desirable to have the sheds, etc., in this yard which the Vorsteher uses removed, also to have the land between the schoolhouse and the Single Srs.' area and that in Sr. Lucinda Bagge's lot—down to the run in the dell—given to the school for its use. Therefore, the Col. received an application from the Inspector for it.

We are prepared to grant this request. We think, however, that a small strip should be added to the north side of Sr. Lucinda Bagge's lot, since otherwise her woodshed would now stand on the schoolhouse lot and she would have no free approach to it; furthermore, a small area behind the church building should be reserved as church property.

The Col. had no proposal regarding the place to which the sheds could most appropriately be moved from the timberyard on which they now are located. This matter will have to be pursued at a later date.

3. Since it will be necessary to make some temporary arrangement for housing the boarding school girls while the construction is going on, the Col. has received an application from the Inspector for him to be permitted to use the Little Boys' schoolhouse during that time. For its part the Col. is willing to help wherever feasible. It considers it practicable to remove the School for Little Boys to the concert hall and the southern portion of the former pottery during this period.

3. [sic] The Brn. Fries and Pfohl were commissioned to have a preliminary interview with Mr. Cooper, the engineer of the plank road, regarding the manner in which this road should be constructed through the streets of Salem, and then report back to the Col.

*Minutes of the Aeltesten Conferenz in Salem For the Year 1853.*

[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 5. All present.*

At the outset the Single Sr. Charlotte Frederika Pfohl, who has been called to be the Pflegerin of the Single Sisters Choir at

this place, was received as an acoluth in the usual manner and, therefore, also welcomed as a future member of our conference.

4. Evening services are to begin next week and, until further notice, in the following order: on Mondays and Thursdays, reading services; Tuesdays, Moravian church history; Wednesdays, Bible study in English; and Fridays, alternately Sing-stunde and liturgical services.

*Jan. 12.* All present.

6. Since the Srs. Hannah Stauber and Catharina Petersen wish to give up their office as Saaldienerinnen, it is now suggested that the Single Sr. Lavinia Williams become the head Saaldienerin in place of Sr. H. Stauber, and the Srs. Reb. Stauber and Laura Vogler were proposed as suitable for the other vacancies. Sr. Pfohl will speak to them.

7. [A Single Sr.] must be excluded from the congregation because of sexual immorality. The A. Conf. wishes to propose to the A. Coll. that Br. Butner should be requested to put [the single man] who has had illicit intercourse with her out of his house [i.e., his tavern].

8. The Single Sister J. H., by her similar behaviour and her intended marriage to a non-Moravian, has brought exclusion from the congregation upon herself.

9. Sr. Annie Leinbach, teacher in the local Girls' School, applies for assistance during some of the afternoon teaching hours. Br. Schweinitz will speak with her about this.

*Jan. 19.* All present.

3. a. Since Br. Meinung has received no support for some time and states that he is in need of it, \$44.00 is to be paid him from the so-called Normal Fund; this will use up the same. For the rest, his regular pension will begin with October 1, 1852. Since he is employed in the Town School for Little Boys at present, the school committee will of course pay him a modest salary for his services.

4. The A. Conf. discussed the matter of the Saaldienerinnen. Sr. Lavinia Williams is willing to act as head Saaldienerin. Sr. Reb. Stauber, however, wishes to be excused completely. Sr. Laura Vogler is willing to serve. Sr. Pfohl will speak with Sr. Cath. Petersen to see if she could not continue to be active, and also with Srs. Matilda Phillips and Elisa Wagaman.

*Feb. 2.* Br. Schweinitz being absent.

4. Br. Herman will ask Br. Hartwig to collect the semiannual missionary offering.

7. On Wednesday evening meditations on the Passion shall alternate between German and English.

*Feb. 9.* All present.

5. In respect to the married couple Carl Heinrich and Catherine Jessen Werner, the conference considered it best in view of certain hints received by us from our correspondent on the U.A.C. to let the matter of their reception wait for awhile. (See the minutes of November 10, 1852.)

7. The Single Sr. M. Phillips is willing to be a Saaldienerin.

*Feb. 16.* All present.

2. Carl Werner, a married man, has tried to explain a number of things in his behavior at Christiansfeld, which seemed questionable to our local A. Conf., and put them in a more favorable light. Though the conference is in general inclined to believe his words, yet on account of some sad experience it was held to be the safest course to defer further steps in connection with his readmission. Meanwhile he may give Br. Sandford Schulz, who would like to sell him his house, written assurance that he will be ready to take it over as soon as our congregational regulations permit this. (See the minutes of November 10, 1852, paragraph 4.)

6. The annual meeting of the local Tract Society is to be held on Thursday, March 3, at 7 P.M.

*March 2.* All present.

Br. Robert Schweinitz, who arrived here safely with his dear family last week, attended our conference for the first time and was welcomed as a member of it (see the minutes of December 22, 1852, paragraph 7).

3. Martha Lucinda Griffin, m. n. Blum, a widow and former member of our congregation, applies for readmission. The A. Conf. was led to grant this request. If her children are baptized, they would join the congregation with her.

4. The A. Conf. considers it desirable for the reading services during the Passion Week to be held in English.

5. The Single Br. Chas. Hauser has become a Saaldiener. The A. Conf. approves this, though it would be desirable to have

older brethren as Saaldiener, if such were willing to serve—which, however, is not the case.

*March 16.* Br. Rob. Schweinitz absent.

3. It was reported that only the last of the younger children of the Widowed Sr. Griffin is baptized and thus is to join the congregation with her.

*April 6.* All present.

4. The Widowed Sr. Antoinette Blum has separated herself from our congregation by her marriage to a non-Moravian. A decision will be reached later about her children.

5. That some young people were present without permission in the organ loft as spectators at the Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday could not fail to meet with the disapproval of the A. Conf. Steps are to be taken, therefore, to have the doors to the loft remain locked as usual, and no one be admitted as a spectator who does not have a ticket.

8. The brethren and sisters of the conference were invited to attend a lovefeast at 2 o'clock tomorrow as a farewell to Br. Kluge.

9. The examination for the girls will be held on June 2 and 3 and that for our little boys on June 10.

*April 27.* All present.

7. Following the monthly prayer service, the weekly meetings are to be discontinued for the present.

*May 4.* All present.

2. The Single Sr. Sally Butner of Bethabara applies for permission to join this congregation. Inquiries are first to be made from Br. Oerter.

*May 25.* Br. Rob. Schweinitz absent.

4. Sr. Gertraud Schulz wishes to resign from her office as Saaldienerinn because of ill health. Sr. Pfohl will offer it to the Single Sr. Ernestine Vierling.

5. The A. Conf. gives its approval to the planned marriage of the Single Br. Livingston Nath. Clinard to the Single Sr. Charlotte Schulz on Wednesday, June 8.

6. The Single Sr. Margaret Morrow has moved into the Single Sisters' House.

*May 28.* All present.

The occasion for this meeting was the request of the Salem Odd Fellows' lodge to lead the procession at the funeral of the departed Br. Tryphonius Schauss in a body; to form 2 rows at the gate to the God's Acre, through which the procession would pass; then to surround the grave, and after our litany had been prayed and the benediction pronounced, step up singly to the grave in an order which they themselves would determine and each throw a little twig of green into it; when this would be over they would return home with the funeral procession, again in a body. The A. Conf. realized that it would have to establish a rule at this time for all similar cases, since such requests would be repeated. The A. Conf. considered an outright refusal to be inadvisable and, after long and thorough discussion, voted to grant the above request, but with the express understanding that the A. Conf. could under no circumstances go further and permit the introduction of any other distinctive rites of such societies at funerals on our God's Acre.

*June 29.* Br. Rob. Schweinitz being absent.

5. Julius Kern, a married man, wishes to join our church again with his wife. He will be required first to provide information about his former relationship to the congregation in Nazareth.

7. Sr. Lucinda Bagge wishes that a gift of \$286 given by her for the benefit of needy nonresident members of the Salem congregation be administered by the A. Conf., which was willing to do so. It continues to be invested with the Gemein Diakonie at the rate of 5 per cent.

9. Wm. Henry Stoltz, a single man, has married a non-Moravian without applying for permission, and thereby has separated himself from our congregation.

*July 13.* Br. Rob. Schweinitz being absent.

2. Julius Kern, a married man, voluntarily withdraws his application (see the minutes of June 29, paragraph 5).

*Aug. 11.* Br. R. Schweinitz being absent.

7. The Single Br. Francis Schober, by marrying without permission a person who does not belong to us, has separated himself from our church.

9. Leanna Schaub has become the nurse instead of Lydia Transu.

10. The Single Sr. Martha Vogler has become a Saaldienerin.
11. The Chorsaal of the Single Sisters is to be used as a dormitory for the time being to provide room for school girls in the dormitory proper.

*Aug. 24.* Br. Rob. Schweinitz being absent.

3. The nonresident Widowed Sr. Elisabeth Jacobus, who is employed in the Sisters' House kitchen, asks permission to send her son to our local school and to be allowed to let him live with her in the Sisters' House. In regard to the former, the A. Conf. would have no objections if the usual conditions were observed. The latter, however, is considered inadmissible.

*Sept. 14.* All present.

4. The Single Sr. Anna Leinbach, who is employed in the Town School for Girls, applies for an increase in her salary. Since the salary of the teachers in the Girls' Boarding School has repeatedly been raised, while that of Sr. Leinbach has remained unchanged, the A. Conf. considers it to be equitable to grant her an increase of \$1.4 [sic] per week. For the time being the Girls' Boarding School will pay this.

*Sept. 28.* Br. Rob. Schweinitz being absent.

5. Br. Sanford Schulz, who with his family has made a journey to the West, is at his own request to be counted for the present as belonging to this congregation together with them. On the other hand, the single young men Wm. Fetter and Alex. Rights, who have moved to the West, are no longer to be thus considered.

6. God willing, Holy Communion is to be celebrated on Sunday, October 16. A trial will be made on this day of having the main Communion at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and in the evening, following the service, the Nach Communion, as was customary years ago.

*Nov. 9.* All present.

5. The Single Br. Edwin Folz, by his marriage to a non-Moravian, has separated himself from our church.

6. E. A., a single woman, has had to be excluded from the congregation for sexual immorality.

7. The conference gave its approval to the plan of having a fund quietly raised by a small group so as to permit our hymn-book, when circumstances warrant, either to be given away or sold at a reduced price to our members.

*Dec. 14.* Br. Rob. Schweinitz being absent.

7. The Single Br. Lewis Pfahl has left on an extended visit to Nazareth.

8. The A. Conf. resolved to delete the following persons from the catalogue for [sufficient] reasons: John Hy. Wagaman, Geo. Abrah. Blum, Geo. Sandford Byerle, Owen Alson Reich, Wm. Lewis Fetter, and Alex Rights.

*Dec. 30* All present.

4. Ernestine Blum, a single woman, by her marriage to a non-Moravian has lost her standing as a member of the church.

*Minutes of the Land Arbeiter Conferenz For the Year 1853.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Feb. 3.* All present.

2. The pastor of Friedland had to report with regret that people in his neighborhood had gathered on the evening of Christmas to attend a wrestling match, and this with the approval of an ordained preacher, at which carousing and other disorderly conduct went on. —As a result, the wilder part of the neighborhood was indeed kept away from the service at Friedland.

4. Br. Hagen was commissioned in the name of the conference to notify Br. Solomon Spach, who is unwilling to have his son baptized, that by persisting in this refusal he will forfeit his church membership.

*March 3.* Br. Siewers being absent.

2. Br. Herman read a document prepared by the Unit. Aelt. Conferenz for our Br. Kluge, certifying that he has been instructed to carry out a visitation in all of our congregations prior to his departure for Europe. It was agreed that Br. Kluge should try to spend one Sunday in each of our rural congregations so as to have an opportunity to address the congregation and meet with the committee. God willing, he plans to begin at Bethabara on the 6th of this month and then visit Friedberg, Hope, Friedland, and Bethania in turn.

3. *Friedland.*

The congregational anniversary was observed with blessing on the 18th. On this day Nathanael Macon Kerner and Lucina Swaim were confirmed.

4. It was mentioned that David Spach, a single man who belongs to Friedberg, is attending confirmation instruction in Salem.

*April 7.* All present.

4. The reports from the respective congregations were communicated and the following extracts may be noted:

*at Bethania.* On Thursday, the 31st, Br. and Sr. Grunert took part in the celebration of the golden wedding of Br. and Sr. George Krause.

*at Friedland* on the 18th the funeral of the Widowed Br. Christian Nissen was held.

5. It was reported that the Single Br. David Spach (see the minutes of March) has been confirmed.

6. Br. Herman announced that Br. Byhan, following long and faithful service, ending with the little negro congregation here, had due to the infirmities of age repeatedly requested the Prov. H. Confz. to be relieved from this his last charge. Since there is prospect of filling this post, this has been granted him with the wish that the peace of our dear Lord be his for the remainder of his days. —Br. John Adam Friebele, recently returned from Woodstock Mills, has received and accepted a call to serve the little negro congregation.

*May 6.* Br. Hagen being absent.

The reports from the respective congregations for the month of April were communicated and the following extracts may be noted:

*at Bethabara* on the 11th the funeral was held of the Widowed Br. Gottlieb Fockel, who had fallen peacefully asleep in his 84th year.

On the 17th the election of a new committee had taken place there, so that it now consists of the Brethren John & Thomas Spach, Christian Hauser, and William Pratt.

*July 7.* All present.

1. The minutes of May and June were read, and the following extracts from them may be noted:

*at Bethabara* the Single Sisters' festival was not celebrated because those concerned were unwilling to participate in it.

*at Friedberg* the Single Sisters' festival was observed on the 4th with 36 present. For the first time in years it was enhanced by their partaking of the Holy Communion.

at *Hope*, on the 22nd, in addition to the usual services, the baptism took place of Elis. Pettycoard and Mary Williams, single women, and also the confirmation of the married people Gottlieb Spach and Rebecca Boll, as well as the single women Mary Null and Caroline Womack.

From May 14-29 and also from June 17-30 Br. Siewers had visited at *Mt. Bethel* and also throughout his whole charge; while doing this his life was preserved in June in a remarkable way.

During the afternoon of the 25th of June the congregational anniversary was celebrated at *Mt. Bethel*, at which also the Brn. Hagen and Hartwig took active part. Ronalds McMillan, a married man, was baptized into the death of Jesus and 23 communicants partook of the Holy Communion. On the 29th Br. Rights preached at *Mt. Bethel*.

3. Edwin Grabs, a married man who had united with the Methodists, wants to reunite with us together with his family. The conference was pleased to give its approval. (He belongs to the filial at Spönhauers'.)

4. At Muddy Creek the married persons Charity Daniels and Susanna Hauser, m. n. Perriman, apply for permission to join the church. In this connection the conference reached the following agreement: when people apply to us for admission without presenting a certificate from some other denomination or having been confirmed, we will as a rule insist on their being confirmed.

*Aug. 6. All present.*

3. The following additional persons wish to join the little group at Muddy Creek: Polly Essig, a married woman, with her children, all of whom are unbaptized, the eldest being in its 12th year; also Isaac Doty, Charlotte Ellis, Rhoda Phelps, Rebecca Ellis, and Ellen Douthit—the last-named being only 12. Br. Hagen stated that he was convinced that she had made a deep experience and received assurance of the forgiveness of her sins and longs for holy baptism. The conference discussed her baptism at length and also that of the children of the married woman Polly Essig, whose husband was added to the little group by confirmation some time ago. We endeavored to gain a clear conception of the unique features of these cases and the results which a decision regarding them would entail. Since, however, we considered that for her own sake said Ellen Douthit could not be denied baptism nor the Essig children for the sake of their parents, who live in a Baptist neighborhood,

the P.H.C. gave permission to the pastor concerned—whose hearty declaration of his willingness to do so had brought about this decision—to administer the sacrament to these children on his own responsibility as an exceptional case. —With regard to the other persons who also have applied for baptism, Br. Hagen will have to act according as he is led and persuaded at heart.

*Sept. 1. All present.*

2. The reports from the respective congregations were communicated and the following extracts may be noted:

at *Bethabara* in a meeting of the adult members of the congregation all had expressed the wish to observe the centennial on November 17 at Bethabara, and this on 2 days, the 17th and 18th. They are willing to make the necessary preparation according to their ability.

3. At Friedberg Salomo Spach, a married man, has lost his membership in the church due to his persistent refusal to have his children baptized. S. K. has been excluded from the congregation because of sins of the flesh.

4. There was a lengthy discussion about the approaching centennial anniversary of the beginning of Wachovia, and gladly though we would have acceded to the desire of the Bethabara members, yet on the other hand we realized that for various reasons Salem would be the most appropriate place for the celebration. The P.H.C. will arrange for a discussion with the brethren in Bethabara on this subject.

7. The Married Sr. Sally Stoltz, m. n. Rothrock, wishes to reunite with the congregation at Bethania. If the committee should approve, permission is granted her on the part of the conference.

*Oct. 13. The Brn. Siewers and Rights being absent.*

3. The P.H.C. held a detailed discussion with the brethren at Bethabara on September 5, in which it became evident that they insist on having the centennial celebration take place there; this was then agreed upon. Thereupon the conference deliberated further regarding this celebration. First of all, so soon as feasible a formal invitation to attend that festival is to be extended to all of the congregations in Wachovia. The meetings will begin on Thursday, the 17th, at 10 o'clock. A preaching service will follow the solemn opening exercises of prayer and an address. In the afternoon, following the preaching service, a

historical account will be read, which Br. Herman was asked to prepare. —On the 18th, again at 10 o'clock, a preaching service will be held, and a lovefeast in the afternoon, followed by a solemn termination of the festival. May our dear Lord cause it to result in days of true renewal and awakening.

4. The Single Sr. Mary Jenkins, who is in the employ of Br. and Sr. Hagen, wishes to unite with our congregation by baptism. The conference gladly gives its approval.

*Nov. 3. Br. Siewers being absent.*

Following the opening devotions the chairman remarked that every member of the conference should consider it his duty to attend it unless unavoidably detained.

2. The reports from the congregations were communicated, and the following extracts may be noted:

at *Bethania*. On Saturday, the 8th, there was a blessed celebration of the Lord's Supper with a little group at Crooked Run; there were 13 communicants. —From the 16th to the 18th a union meeting was held at Pleasant Valley, in which Methodist and Lutheran ministers participated in addition to our brethren.

At *Friedberg* the festival of the Married People, Widowers, and Widows was held on Saturday, the 29th. That same day a meeting of the heads of households convened, in which it was decided that they would contribute substantially to the support of their pastor according to the amount of each one's means, and not as formerly in a fixed amount assessed on every member alike.

3. John Hege, a married man, wishes to unite with the *Bethabara* congregation with his wife and 4 children. He has been a communicant member of the Reformed church and his wife of the Lutheran. If the committee is in favor of this, the conference gladly gives its approval.

4. The following persons make preliminary application to unite with *Friedberg*, *Hope*, and *Muddy Creek*:

At <i>Friedberg</i>	John Kreuzfüsser, a married man, for reception; Charity Painter, a single woman, for baptism; Edith and Barbara Kreuzfüsser, for confirmation.
At <i>Hope</i>	Lucy Anne Longworth, for baptism; Elisabeth and Austice Lynch, for confirmation.

At Muddy Creek      Widow Rebecca Veitch, a Methodist, for baptism; the married persons Sandy Davis, William Riley Brewer (his wife Jane, m. n. Slater, formerly counted as belonging to Hope, wants to join our congregation by confirmation); Wiley Miller and his wife Caroline, m. n. Brewer; Eliza Kimmel, m. n. Brewer; also the free negress Amra Melissa Oliver. Furthermore, the single women Amanda Mullikin, Sarah Rominger, and Lydia Martin also make application.

4. [sic] As a result of sins of the flesh E. S., a single woman at Friedland, and F. S., a single woman at Bethania, have brought exclusion from the congregation upon themselves.

*Dec. 7. All present.*

2. The reports from the respective congregations were read and the following extracts may be noted:

On the 17th and 18th at *Bethabara the centennial anniversary of the beginning of the Moravian settlements in Wachovia* took place. A large crowd of people attended, a considerable number of members of our various congregations being among them. Our dear Lord caused us to rejoice to a surprising extent over the lovely weather and also owned the various services with His gracious presence. Though all of them had to be held in the open, since otherwise there would have been no room for the crowd of people, on the whole all went off pleasantly and without disturbance.

3. E. C., who was recently baptized, has brought exclusion from the congregation upon herself due to sins of the flesh. (She belonged to Muddy Creek.)

4. The aged widow Jane Thornton, a Methodist, applies for permission to join Hope, and this was gladly granted her.

5. Rebecca Williams, a single woman, will no longer be regarded as a member of the congregation at Bethabara.

6. Betsy Null, a single woman, has been regarded for a time as excluded from the Communion, but has continually maintained that she had not been guilty to the degree charged. Her pastor (Br. Hagen) has spoken earnestly and plainly to her and thereupon, since she urgently requested it, permitted her to par-

take of the Holy Communion upon her own responsibility. The conference gave its full approval to this course.

9. Mary Jenkins and Charity Painter apply to be baptized at Friedberg on the 3rd Saturday in December. The conference wishes for them the Lord's blessing.

*Diary of the Salem Congregation For the Year 1853.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 9.* At 1 o'clock the Society for the Poor met, but with an extremely poor attendance. At 3 o'clock the semiannual meeting of the Women's Society in Aid of Missions.

*Jan. 10.* Today the congregation council met for the election of the Aufs. Coll. The following Brn. were chosen: Hy. Leinbach, C. Cooper, J. Fries, L. Bölow, C. Brietz, H. Schaffner, and E. A. Vogler.

*Jan. 15.* In Br. Bahnsen's family a healthy little daughter was born.

*Jan. 20.* Cold. The people are filling their ice cellars.

*Jan. 23.* In the course of the afternoon the painful news was received that it had pleased our dear Lord to call home to Himself our dear Br. Wm. H. Van Vleck unexpectedly and suddenly on the morning of the 19th at about 4 o'clock.

*Jan. 30.* Many now go to Winston where church service is held on Sundays. To be sure one can only be glad that the Word is preached in Winston; only one could wish that our own people would stay with us.

*Jan. 31.* Something like influenza attacked old and young and went through whole families. It was said repeatedly that such general colds were something unusual.

*Feb. 4.* Br. Bahnsen conducted a baptism, that of Peter Alpheus Winkler.

*Feb. 13.* At 3 o'clock the funeral was held of the Single Br. Edwin Ferdinand Ackerman, who fell asleep on Friday, at which Br. Bahnsen preached in English on Ps. 95:7 & 8 to a very large gathering.

*Feb. 15.* At 1 o'clock the funeral was held of the Little Boy William Jacob Schulz, son of our Brother Romulus Schulz, who is a nonresident member of the congregation.

*Feb. 24.* Between 4 and 5 P.M. our Br. Robert Schweinitz arrived here safely with his dear wife and family.

*Feb. 26.* In the evening Br. Bahnsen baptized the little daughter who had been granted him, naming her Catharina Elisabeth.

*March 6.* Today Br. and Sr. Friebele arrived here with their little son from Florida.

*March 11.* In the evening Br. Bahnsen baptized the babies of our Brn. and Srs. Friebele and Alex Ackerman.

*March 21.* Today our Sister Kluge with her daughter Frances set out to her daughter Adelaide, who is confined to bed by illness at Fayetteville.

*March 22.* Br. Rothaas seriously injured his foot with an axe.

*March 23.* At 3 o'clock P.M. the funeral was held of the Widowed Sr. Catharina Stohle, who had fallen asleep peacefully.

*March 27. Easter Sunday.* There were not so many people on hand as at other times. They behaved very orderly.

*March 29.* In the evening Br. Bahnsen baptized a little daughter born to the Married Br. Romulus Schulz.

*April 19.* At 1 o'clock P.M. the funeral was held of the Widowed Sr. Bölow, who had fallen asleep peacefully last Saturday. Br. Bahnsen delivered an address in English on I Thess. 2:14.

*April 20.* About 10 o'clock in the evening fire broke out in a smaller building on Br. Geo. Folz's property. The residence, at the gable end of which the burning building stood, was in great danger and could not have been saved had the wind been less favorable. As it was, the Lord gave our efforts success and nothing else was destroyed except that smaller building and its contents. For this we can not be grateful enough to the dear Lord.

*April 21.* Today our Br. Kluge left with his daughter Agnes on his journey, accompanied by our best wishes. His son Eugene

will go with him as far as Bethlehem. Br. Aug. Fockel will conduct him to where his dear wife is.

*April 22.* Br. Bahnsen baptized a child born to our Br. and Sr. Carl Werner, and this in German.

*April 24.* Br. Bahnsen preached in German on Mark 7:37. On this occasion thanks were publicly offered to the faithful Protector of Israel for the gracious preservation from greater harm which we experienced on Wednesday evening.

*April 25.* Br. Bahnsen baptized a little child of the Married Sr. Amanda Lemly's.

*April 28.* As a consequence of the measles raging in the Boarding School, the little Saal has been used for the music classes, but this does not involve any interruption of the evening meetings.

*April 30.* This morning at  $\frac{1}{2}$  5 the Widowed Sr. Schuster, a member of the congregation in Philadelphia (in Pennsylvania), departed after indescribable and protracted suffering. We rejoice most heartily that she is at rest, at home with the Lord.

*May 3.* Today the Odd Fellows held a ceremony in dedication of their hall. Professor Deems of Greensborough delivered an address in the concert hall.

*May 10.* Today there was a wretched show in town which made many people weak. Cool and changeable weather brought colds and the like with it. The measles are not very widespread in town and are of a very mild kind.

*May 19.* Today the little Saal was vacated by the pupils of the Girls' Boarding School, who had used it for music practice during the siege of measles.

*May 27.* Today examinations were held in the School for Infants, conducted by Sister Sophia Pfohl with great faithfulness, patience, and care.

Toward evening the Single Br. Tryphonius Schauss passed suddenly away as the result of a hemorrhage.

*May 29.* In the afternoon Br. Bahnsen preached at Pleasant Fork on the occasion of the anniversary of the Forsyth S. S.

Union. Quite a number of people had gathered, but of these many do not have the faintest idea how to behave properly.

*June 2.* Public examinations were held in the Girls' Boarding School. On the whole, the crowds of people who were present conducted themselves well, though there was dancing in our tavern and drinking in another.

*June 8.* Marriage of Br. Clinard and Sister Charlotte Schulz.

Examination of the Little Boys. On the whole we have reason to be pleased with the progress made by our sons.

*June 19.* At 1½ o'clock the baptism was conducted of the little daughter of our Br. and Sr. Robert Schweinitz (Clara Amalia). Today a young man was drowned in Br. Bölow's pond.

*June 21.* Br. Bahnsen held the funeral in Waughtown of James Keneday [sic], who had drowned. His body was found only after a zealous search about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The cannon had been fired a number of times.

*June 24.* At 10 o'clock Br. Bahnsen held the funeral of the Widowed Sr. Susanna Hagen, who fell peacefully asleep on the 22nd at Jonesville.

*June 26.* At 3 o'clock Br. Herman held the preparatory service for the Holy Communion, but very few were present since a woman, Mrs. Chipman, was preaching in Winston.

*July 4.* This day was celebrated in various ways, especially by the young people. In the afternoon the address by the young Br. Eugen Clewell was interrupted by a very welcome shower, and the crowd assembled on the square was driven home. Unfortunately it did not rain as much as the parched earth required.

On the following two evenings, especially on Wednesday, fireworks and balloons and such like gave opportunity to our young people, led by those of whom one might have expected something better, to make a great noise on our streets. It could have almost made one forget that we really live, or think we live, in quiet tents of peace.

*July 11.* Today the Town School for Little Boys was formally opened again following 4 weeks of vacation.

*July 27.* Today at 10 o'clock in the morning the funeral was conducted of the Widowed Br. Charles Reich, who fell asleep the day before yesterday.

In the evening the marriage was held of the Widowed Br. John Chitty and the Single Sr. Salome Rothrock. Br. Bahnsen performed the ceremony in the little Saal.

*Aug. 1.* Br. Parmenio Leinbach of Nazareth, who has been here on a visit, left for that place with James Haman and Edmund Oerter.

*Aug. 5.* In the afternoon at about 2 o'clock the Rev. Michael Doub preached in our Saal. A good number of people had come to hear his brother Peter speak on temperance. But since he had become ill, permission had been obtained for his brother Michael to preach and provide the people with something.

*Aug. 28.* A comet was visible during these weeks.

*Sept. 4.* A several days' rain had again produced a serious flood which caused damage in places to the fences around the meadows, etc. Our Wach was almost as high as in the year 1850, so that the bridges were pushed from their foundations and it was almost a miracle that they were not entirely torn away. The new plank road also suffered damage from the water in places and lumber of various kinds was carried away from its location without, however, being lost entirely.

*Sept. 12.* At 1½ 8 Br. Bahnsen held the preparatory service for Choir Communion of the Single Sisters, and this in the Saal, since their Choir Saal has recently been used as a dormitory.

*Sept. 18.* Our Br. Dr. C. D. Kühln has been very ill for some time, and this is a very regrettable thing. May the Lord preserve him for a long time for his family and likewise for the congregation.

*Oct. 2.* At 1 P.M. the same brother [Br. Bahnsen] baptized the twins of our Br. and Sr. Henry Rüde.

*Oct. 27.* The agent of the American Bible Society, H. D. Dernelle, visited us this evening and preached in English on Rom. 1:16.

*Nov. 2.* No meeting. Music practice for the jubilee in Bethabara.

*Nov. 21.* At 1 P.M. Br. Bahnsen conducted the funeral of the Married Sr. Paulina Fischer, who fell peacefully asleep yesterday morning.

*Nov. 24.* Today, as on Thanksgiving Day, a preaching service was held in English at the usual time. Br. Rob. Schweinitz conducted it, speaking on Ps. 103:1-4.

*Nov. 26.* Today Br. Sensemann suffered a stroke. His whole left side is paralyzed. He is in a lamentable condition.

*Nov. 27.* Yesterday evening the Widowed Sr. Schweinitz arrived here for a rather long visit. She had the misfortune to injure her right arm when the stagecoach upset. (She did not arrive until December 3.)

*Dec. 18.* Br. Herman prayed the litany in English. Br. Bahnsen preached in German on Heb. 2:17. Only a fair attendance. It was very cold in the church and it would probably be time to go ahead in this connection and have the Saal heated.

The Brethren Sensemann and Edw. Bölow have been sick a long time. The former has been incapacitated by a stroke since November 26, and the latter has also been suffering from a serious illness.

*Memorabilia of the Salem Congregation For the Year 1853.*

[*Extracts translated.]*

The first part of the winter was fairly mild, but unusual cold was to follow. Thus we had a considerable snowfall on March 4, which, however, disappeared quickly due to the wetness of the ground. The following day, however, it snowed again, the snow reaching a depth of 6 inches, something we have not seen for many years. Unusually cold weather succeeded, so that, for example, on Sunday, March 6, the thermometer stood at below zero. A late spring followed. On Easter, March 27, nothing green was showing and even the peach trees were not in full bloom. Not till April 17, after a refreshing rain, could our hearts and eyes take pleasure in nature's newly awakening beauty.

After the sowing had been completed, while the farmers were happily anticipating the harvest, so long a drought occurred that there was talk not only of unbelievably high prices but also of actual want which was to be expected. The question, "what shall we eat, what shall we drink, and wherewithal shall we be clothed?", which perhaps always claims our attention sufficiently

—if not excessively—received very special emphasis. But after we had implored God in a public preaching service graciously to remember us, the skies clouded over that same day and reviving, copiously refreshing rains streamed down on the parched land in such profusion as we had not seen for a long time, and just at the right moment for us at least. Thus it was proved anew that “Even though He should not provide help at all times, yet He does when the need is there.” In a little while our fields presented an entirely different appearance, so that this year too we had no lack of what was required for the sustenance and needs of the body. For, following a harvest which on the whole proved abundant, the prices of provisions were below last year’s.

Business and trade among us also enjoyed His blessing during this year, as shown by the enlargement or embellishment of the buildings in our town. Perhaps the improved communication with Fayetteville may have contributed to this.

Our congregation too participated very actively in a very special and joyous festival this year. This was on November 17; 100 years had passed since our first brethren temporarily had settled at Bethabara. Consequently, on November 17 and 18 a jubilee celebration was held there at the earnest desire of our Bethabara brethren, to which all of the congregations in Wachovia had been formally invited. Since there would have been altogether too little room in the Saal, it had been agreed from the outset to hold the services outdoors. Beyond our expectations our dear Lord provided unusually good weather. A great multitude of people had gathered, not from our congregations alone, but from far and near; there may well have been 1,400 in all. Much greater quiet and reverence prevailed generally during the services than might have been anticipated under the circumstances. In addition to heartfelt prayer these consisted of addresses, sermons, and a Singstunde in the God’s Acre, and closed with a lovefeast open to the public. The presence of the various musical choirs from Salem added much to the solemnity of the occasion.

In our Town School for Little Boys there has been no change in the teachers’ personnel other than Br. Wm. Meinung’s having resumed his activity as a teacher in it. At present 30 pupils are attending it, 2 of whom are non-Moravians.

This year our Girls’ Boarding School has again enjoyed the blessing of our dear Lord and also the confidence of their

parents, near and far. He [the Lord] has watched over it faithfully. In particular, He graciously brought it through repeated periods of illness; we mention here only the measles, which more than 100 pupils contracted at one period. The number of the boarders amounts to 205.

*Personalia of the Congregation in Salem For the Year 1853.*

1. Born and baptized 11 Little Children:

7 Boys:

Peter Alpheus Winkler	Samuel Conrad Lemly
Edwin Samuel Ackerman	Harvey Sylvester Christ
Carl Heinrich Werner	William Eugene and
Charles Samuel Rüde	

4 Girls:

Catharina Elisabeth Bahnson	Eleonora Virginia Schulz
Louisa Catharina Friebele	Clara Amalia Schweinitz

To them should be added 2 unbaptized Little Girls.

Furthermore, the Single Sr. Lavinia Ann Elisabeth Boyer received holy baptism. A total of 12 baptized.

2. There went home [died] 10 persons:

The Married Sr. Paulina Catharina Fisher

The Widowed Br. Carl Renatus Reich

The Widowed Srs.: Catharina Strohle, m. n. Roth

Maria Bölow, m. n. Strupe

Elisabeth Schuster, m. n. Steineke and  
Susannah Hagen, m. n. Lick

The Single Brn.: Edwin Ferdinand Ackerman and

John Tryphonius Schauss

The Little Boys: William Jacob Schulz and

Beatus Schulz

3. Married were 2 couples:

1. The Single Br. Livingston Nathanael Clinard and  
The Single Sr. Charlotte Elisabeth Schulz

2. The Widowed Br. John Chitty to  
The Single Sr. Salome Rothrock

4. Added to congregation 11 persons:

The married couple Robert and Maria Louisa Schweinitz  
with their 2 children: Helen Louisa and Louis Alexander  
(4 persons) from Lancaster

The married couple Christian and Anna Maria Hege with their 5 children: Edward Lazarus, Harriet Rebecca, George Zacharias, Susan Paulina, and Ellen Jane (7 persons) from Friedberg

(The Little Girl Susan Hagen from Friedberg)

5. No longer counted as members 5 persons:

The married couple Carl Friedrich and Agnes Maria Kluge with their three daughters: Adelaide Louisa, Agnes Amalia, and Frances Cornelia (for the time being to Bethlehem)

Moved away from here, but still considered members of Salem: The Married Br. Sandford Schulz with his family

6. Granted permission to join the congregation 8 persons:

The married couple Carl and Catharina Jessen Werner  
The Married Br. Heinrich Ladek with his son John Francis  
The Widowed Sr. Martha Lucinda Griffin with her little son Nathanael

The Single Srs. Virginia Grant and Lavinia Boyer

7. Admitted to the Communion 14 persons:

a. By baptism: The Single Sr. Lavinia Boyer  
b. By confirmation: Orestes Aeneas Kühln  
Edwin Timoleon Boner  
Julius Augustus Leinbach  
David Franklin Spach from Friedberg  
The Older Boy Samuel Hall  
The Married Sr. Susan Elis.  
Shore

The Single Sr. Virginia Grant

The Older Girls: Sarah Ann Blum  
Angela Elis. Bahnsen  
Maria Catharina Schaffner  
Emma Sophia Butner  
Caroline Eleanora Vierling  
Martha Virginia Vogler

8. Excluded from or left the congregation 12 persons:

The Married Br. John H. Wagaman

The Single Brn.: Geo. Abrah. Blum  
Owen Alson Reich  
Geo. Sandford Byerle

Francis Edwd. Schober  
Edwin Eugene Folz  
Wm. Lewis Fetter

The Older Boy Josua Alex Rights  
The Single Srs.: Johanna Caroline Hauser  
Lucinda Maria Stoltz  
Emma Elvira Ackerman  
Ernestina Blum

8. [sic] Received into the Choir of the Single Brn. the following 7 young men :  
Thomas Sully Welfare  
Francis Eugene Boner  
Francis Comenius Hauser  
Henry Christopher Reich  
Augustus Frederic Pfohl  
Massa Miksch Warner  
Henry Shore from Bethabara

9. Received into the Choir of the Older Boys 7 Little Boys :  
Christian Thomas Pfohl  
Samuel Timothy Mickey  
Jos. Herman Reich  
Alfred Horatio Belo  
Leon Sidney Schulz  
Edward Augustus Brietz and  
John Jefferson Butner from Bethabara

10. Received into the Choir of the Single Sisters the following 9 Older Girls :  
Julia Caroline Eberhard  
Sarah Ann Blum  
Ernestina Eleanora Spach  
Angela. Elis. Bahnsen  
Maria Catharina Schaffner  
Amelia Adelde. Van Vleck  
Emma Sophia Butner  
Caroline Eleanora Vierling and  
Martha Virginia Vogler

11. Received into the Choir of the Older Girls the following 4 Little Girls :  
Caroline Louisa Fries  
Sophia Adelaide Chitty  
Margaret Elisabeth Clewell and  
Catharina Elisabeth Kremer

*Diary of the St. Philips Congregation (or the Negro Parish)  
For the Year 1853.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 2.* Since approximately 100 negroes had gathered for the service today and the church was nearly full of worshippers, one had joy in speaking and in urging the worshippers to let themselves be reconciled to God—if they had not yet done so. —Br. Joh. Vogler, who had joined with us today, delivered an earnest address to the negroes at the close.

*Jan. 16.* There were approximately 60 blacks in the service.

*Jan. 23.* Again there were approximately 60 worshippers in the service.

*Jan. 30.* About 60 worshippers.

*Feb. 6.* In spite of today's rainy weather, 26 blacks had come to the service. . . . Then a beginning was made of reading the account of our Lord's Passion, which will be continued each Sunday until Easter.

*March 6.* Since there was continuous rain today, only 25 worshippers had come.

*March 27. Easter Sunday.* We gathered at 9 o'clock in the morning to pray the Easter litany on the God's Acre for negroes. Immediately thereafter Br. John G. Hermann delivered the Easter sermon in the church, which was packed with worshippers.

*April 3.* Br. John Friebel delivered the preparatory address, and immediately thereafter Br. G. Byhan conducted the Holy Communion.

*May 20.* I visited old Sister Phebe Budney.

*May 22.* Only 14 persons attended the service. The reason for this was a funeral service which was held several miles away.

*May 29.* The service was attended in considerable numbers; there were nearly one hundred persons in it.

*June 19.* For the observance of the Holy Communion 15 members gathered; two are prevented by sickness from partaking of it.

*July 27.* I visited the members on Byerlys' and Hollands' plantations.

*July 28.* The funeral was held of a young girl belonging to William Fries.

*July 31.* The funeral address was delivered for the girl who was buried on the 28th. The church was filled with reverent worshippers.

*Sept.* "The report for September was mislaid."

*Oct. 2.* I delivered the funeral address for Judy Fries, who died in September.

*Oct. 9.* We observed the Holy Communion with our little flock.

*Oct. 16.* I delivered the funeral address for the late Jim Reich.

*Oct. 23.* Today only 10 persons attended the service.

*Oct. 30.* Today the church was well filled. Carolina, who belongs to Timothy Transue, applied for baptism.

*Nov. 6.* The service was well attended today. I also organized a class of adults and gave them Bible instruction.

*Dec. 24.* In the evening the wedding of Humphrey Lemly and Martha Boyden was held in the church.

*Minutes of the Salem Congregation Council For the Year 1853.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 10.* Present 23 brn. including the chairman.

Following the reading and approval of the minutes of the last meeting of the congregation council, the chairman stated that the congregation council had convened for the election of a new Aufs. Col. because the term had expired for which the former one had been elected. Since in the past it had been customary prior to each election to communicate to the congregation council the synodically approved instructions governing the Aufseher Collegia, the question was raised whether the congregation council desired to have this done prior to the present election. This question was unanimously answered in the negative.

Therefore, the election was taken up immediately. After the ballots had been collected and counted with the assistance of the Brn. Herman and C. L. Rights, the following were the results: Br. Charles Cooper had received 17 votes; Br. Charles Brietz, 17; Br. Henry Leinbach, 16; Br. Lewis Belo, 16; Br. Elias Vogler, 14; Br. Francis Fries, 13; and Br. Henry Schaffner, 11. All of these brethren had the votes required and therefore had been elected as members of the Aufs. Col. for 2 years.

Thereupon a summary of the annual account of the Gem. Diac. from May 1, 1851, to April 30, 1852, was communicated together with the balance sheet on the last-named day.

*Dec. 27. Present 21 brn.*

1. Since the term of the current school committee had expired, the congregation council had convened for the election of a new one. First of all the report of the school committee was communicated, and then the ballots were collected. When the votes had been counted, it was found that only 2 brn. had received the number required for election; namely, Br. Francis Fries, 15, and Br. C. Cooper, 11. A 2nd ballot resulted in Br. Elias Vogler's election by 17 votes.

2. Because of a brother's protracted illness, it had become necessary to reinstitute arrangements for nursing which had formerly been in force here but had been given up years ago due to certain incidents. Therefore, the congregation council discussed this matter and reached the unanimous conclusion that every adult brother, when his turn comes, should either himself keep watch over a sick person or, if he were unable to do so, provide a substitute. —Br. Bahnsen offered to keep the list and notify the one concerned of his duty to watch.

In the first compilation of this list, the Brn. Henry Leinbach and Chs. Cooper will assist him.

3. Complaints were again made regarding the noise and unseemly behaviour of the young men, particularly in the square and near the Girls' Boarding School.

After a considerable discussion regarding this, the conviction was reiterated that little could be done by others towards creating order, which is so necessary for the good name of the community, so long as parents and master workmen let their children and those in their charge roam about without restraint, especially of an evening.

*Diary of the Bethabara Congregation For the Year 1853.*

[Though the portions of the following item in quotation marks were recorded in English, they are reproduced here because of their intrinsic interest.]

Nov. 7 and 8. "Our members with some of our friends commenced making the necessary preparation on our premises for the celebration of our Jubilee on the 17 inst. For this purpose a large platform was erected alongside of the church for the use of the ministers, opposite to it, along the fence another one for the musicians, the space between was filled up with seats."

Nov. 17. This morning the musicians from Salem played some chorals from the little tower with trombones. "At 1/2 p. 10 Br. Herman kept the morning service opened by a musical piece fr. the choir, the singing of hymns & prayer, with an address; after wh. Br. E. Schweinitz read the historical account of the past century closing the meeting with singing.

"At 1/2 p. 2 P.M. the service was opened by a piece fr. the choir, and the congr. after wh. Br. Schweinitz offered up a prayer, then Br. Bahnsen preached fr. 2 Chron. 29:10 after wh. the Rev. Doub gave an exhortation. Br. B. closed with a prayer & singing.

"In the evening we proceeded to our burial ground first sing a verse before the church & thus walking in silence with torch lights to the sacred spot where hundred lights were burning all placed at proper distances, after the numerous congregation stood in proper order Br. Bahnsen gave out the hymns accompanied" by the trombone choir, "praying part of our litany. Then we returned to the church where Br. Reitz kept our evening blessing the place was crowded with people. All seemed to be effected [sic] more or less with these solemn meetings, to judge fr. the silence, & good order wh. prevailed among the people.

"Nov. 18. Public Preaching commenced at 1/2 past 10. First a piece fr. the choir was sung. Then the congregation united. Br. Bahnsen opened the service by prayer, Br. Hagen preached fr. I Tim.: 6:20. Br. Reitz kept a short exhortation after wh. Br. Hagen pronounced the blessing.

"2 P.M. Br. Herman kept the Lovefeast in our usual way, with the exception of an address at the commencement. During the Lovefeast Br. H. read a congratulatory address fr. the U.E.C. &

also one fr. the P.H.C. at Litiz. At the close of the Lovefeast Br. H. exhorted the people to love & faithfulness to our Saviour devoting our life & all to him. Then the people retired to their several homes in quietness."

*Minutes of the Committee of the Bethabara Congregation  
For the Year 1853.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Meeting of the Heads of Households held April 17.*

Regrettably however only 6 members attended this meeting. The outcome was that the former committee was reelected, and Br. Wm. Pratt was elected to replace our late Br. Jos. Krause.

It is deplorable to observe that, though they were urgently invited to come without fail, how few are concerned for the welfare of the congregation. This has a most unhappy and discouraging effect upon the local pastor.

*Meeting of the Heads of Households held on November 26.*

In this meeting the contentious brethren, namely Br. Butner, Jno. Hein, and Baumgarten, were invited to state their complaints against the brethren who make up the present committee. This led to a number of unpleasant comments and showed clearly what sort of folk they are, something their whole manner of expression clearly proved. Their prejudices were unfounded in every respect; in part this was due to misunderstanding, but mainly to their own bitterness of heart. These unmannerly dissensions caused the committee brethren to resign from their office. Following protracted bickering it was resolved that a new committee should be elected; though this was contrary to my own sentiments, yet I permitted it. Two of the former members of the committee were willing to serve again, provided all unpleasantnesses would be put away. Though this was not the case, nevertheless the election was carried out and the following chosen by a majority vote: Thos. Spach, John Spach, Jonas Leinbach, John Hein. In my opinion the latter is totally unfit. In regard to the small amount of money which was received in the jubilee celebration, the gathering decided to use it for the church. The brethren parted, but not in a brotherly spirit. The outcome of this new election now rests upon the decision of the P.H.C.

This election was not approved by the P.H.C., as is to be seen from their communication.

*Diary of the Bethania Congregation For the Year 1853.*

[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 4.* Unexpectedly, early this morning our dear Lord had presented us with a little son, which news was the first to greet him [Br. Grunert] on his return. Since everything had gone well, we cannot but rejoice all the more and only pray:

Write his name very plainly

In the book of life!

Toward midnight I had to go for the doctor, who, however, was not at home. All the more earnestly were we driven to implore the aid of the heavenly Physician.

*Jan. 11.* Visited at the home of Jesse Conrad and at 4 held the funeral of a negro girl named Virginia, who belonged to Br. Sol. Transou.

*Jan. 23.* Following the litany in English there was a German sermon on the epistle and then the baptism of little William Cornelius Grunert.

A rather cold week from the 24th to the 28th. Visited at the homes of several people in the village and sought for confirmands. The home going of the former chairman of the Wachovia P.H.C., Br. Wm. Hr. Van Vleck at Bethlehem, was reported here. Appointed a sister to remind the members to bring wood for the pastor.

*Jan. 29.* Preached in the afternoon in Pleasant Valley. The sermon was preceded by the baptism of 3 babies, one of whom belongs to the congregation, Mary Henrietta Pfaff (Nath.).

*Feb. 14.* Br. H. Butner returned with his party from Tennessee.

*Feb. 19.* In the morning rain, and in the afternoon the first real snow fell this winter.

*Feb. 21.* Today a school was finally begun again in the village, held by a Miss Marietta Anderson.

*Feb. 24.* On this and the following day I had to bear severe rheumatism as a cross, so that I could creep only as far as Grabs's, who was quite miserable.

*March 3.* Sold my horse and wagon to the Sustentations Diakonie. Had severe headache.

*March 4.* Still in Salem. Attended an entertainment in the Girls' School given as a welcome for the new Inspector.

*March 12.* Drove to Jno. Grabs and was present at the operation of Sister G., which Dr. Fries of Salem performed successfully. The patient was very much upset before it and had much to bear, since the chloroform that was used did not work properly.

*March 15.* Heard of heavy drinking, etc., at the constable election recently.

*March 19.* At M. Holder's, Martha Pursail applied for confirmation. She still seemed too young to her parents (in her 17th year), but they did not want to oppose it. She declared that she wanted it even if she were to be the only one. I was very pleased. At Jona. Conrad's I found Harriet also in a sad condition. Urged her to seek the Saviour, but could get no satisfactory answer. After dinner rode on to Spanish Grove and preached to the few gathered there as simply as possible on John 3:14,15. Afterwards in Phil. Pfaffs' home I baptized their little daughter. She is named Emily Elisabeth. Returned late and found Sister G. suffering. The young fellows had gone to a quilting party at the mill this evening.

*March 24. Maundy Thursday.* At about  $\frac{1}{2}$  2 the first service was held, though hardly more than the communicant members attended. Unfortunately, an attack of fever prevented our organist from being present this afternoon so that even the blessed Communion following thereafter had to be held without music. The number of those communing was about 70; many of those in the village stayed away—chiefly because of old quarrels.

*March 27. [Easter]* At 2 o'clock the baptism was held of a little son of Br. and Sr. Kapp, Eugene Thomas.

*March 28.* We drove to Salem, and near Bethania experienced preservation when our horse was scared by a shot close by.

*March 31.* We drove to the George Krauses', who celebrated their golden wedding today. A large company of relatives and neighbors had gathered and brought a happy meal which was held in the afternoon, for which the neighbors furnished what was necessary on account of the poverty of the celebrating couple. This was followed by a short service in which an address

was given on Psalm 119:132, the watchword of their wedding day. May our dear Lord be gracious and kind to them in their remaining days also!

*April 1.* Planted potatoes.

*April 2.* Fences around the Gemein lot were repaired. Preached in the afternoon in Pleasant Valley on John 3:14,15 and baptized the child of a nonmember (John Flynt's).

*April 3.* First there was the baptism of the child of the non-member (Ths. Schaub's).

*April 4 & 5.* Busy in the gardens.

*April 7.* Rode to the L. A. Cfz. and was present in the afternoon at the farewell for Br. Kluge, who will leave in the course of the month (initially) for Pennsylvania.

*April 8.* Rode to Nath. Pfaff's, stopping at Jesse Conrad's en route, since Mother Krieger was said to be covered with black [deceased?]. Found it was not so. At Tim. Conrad's at noon. I had prepared a subscription list for him to help the brethren in Iowa with their church building.

*April 9.* Drove with him to Jno. Grabs'. She was weak from an attack of colic and became very ill as a result of some pills.

*April 12.* Br. B. [Bahnson] visited in the village with his daughter. In the afternoon Sister Hedwig Friebel, m. n. Oehman, who had recently returned from the Florida mission, and her sister were with us.

*April 13.* Talked with several people in the village and went on foot in the afternoon to visit at the home of Mich. Butner. Hy. Spach did masonry work on our kitchen chimney during these days. The work speaks the praise of the craftsman.

*April 19.* Worked hard in the garden, planted corn toward evening.

*April 25.* Planted and went to our members in the village about the subscription for the church tower.

*April 28.* We visited in Salem. Br. Kluge had left in the meantime and Emil Schweinitz had come to his new post. Heard of the home going in Herrnhut of the Brn. Christlieb Reichel, Levin Reichel, and Voullaire.

*April 30.* About noon heard the Baptist preacher Fry at Jones's Schoolhouse.

*May 3.* The Saal was scrubbed today for the first time in many years by unpaid hands.

*May 7.* In the afternoon at Sp. Grove the baptism was conducted of Edwin Th. Conrad, followed by a preaching service.

*May 9.* A big crowd of people gathered today to see a menagerie, circus, etc. The number was estimated at 1,100. And how many among them who scarcely have anything to live on at home!

*May 15. Pentecost.* The morning devotions were in German and only the reading for the day was in English. The sermon was preceded by the baptism of Calvin Benj. Butner. After the sermon an offering was received for our missions among the heathen. It amounted to a little more than \$4.50.

*May 22.* In the evening the beginning of Bishop Van Vleck's memoir was read.

*May 28.* Preached in Pleasant Valley on the doctrinal text and baptized Rob. Church's child, giving it the name of Robert Hilary.

*May 30.* Had a long talk with Mr. Brickel [sic], who wishes to enter the service of our church.

*June 13-18.* The heat reached a significant degree. By Friday afternoon most of the hay had been made and safely stored. The wheat harvest began at once and is very promising.

*June 25.* Preached under the oaks in Pl. Valley and baptized 2 babies. Of them, Adeline Lauretta Shousse belongs here.

*June 26.* In the evening meeting M. D'Aubigne's translation of the Augsburg Confession was treated.

*June 27.* The subscription business for the church tower began again. It is very hot. The wheat is being harvested. Mr. Brickell, who was referred to under May 30, was married today by Th. Johnson, Esq.

*June 29.* Visited at D. Butner's home, where Alvin is sick. Everyone is talking about the mineral wealth of our region.

*July 4.* The drought is getting worse and worse. Almost everything in the gardens is burnt up and also the corn in the fields is suffering so that the price is rising.

*July 28.* Had a visit from Br. Parm. Leinbach, teacher in Nazareth Hall. A load of oats came too. Worked energetically in the garden, which had become a wilderness.

*Aug. 7.* The services were poorly attended; it rained in the morning and also there was a camp meeting at Blackburn's.

*Aug. 26.* In the evening, on invitation, I attended a magic lantern show at the Meth. [?], Br. Thomas.

*Aug. 29.* Parm. Stoltz applied for permission to have his wife and children join the congregation.

*Sept. 1.* L. A. Cfz.—The P.H.C. gave its tentative approval for the reception of Sally Stoltz.

*Sept. 6.* Elias Schaub and Parm. Stoltz started on a business trip to Tennessee.

*Sept. 11.* Many had gone to the Hickory Ridge camp meeting.

*Sept. 19.* Rode to the camp meeting at Mt. Tabor and heard some sermons. Several were *loud*.

*Sept. 21.* Afterward I visited at Mother Schaub's, who also is suffering, and at Sol. Spoehauer's. (She has been poorly already for some time.) For some weeks "table moving" has been in vogue in that region.

*Oct. 3.* Today the repair of our church tower began, the scaffold being made ready for it. We visited Sam. Staubers in their new house in the afternoon, and Mother Stauber, who was quite cheerful.

*Oct. 9.* In the afternoon the Theodore Pfohls of Salem were at our house. Otherwise, no service on account of the building, since the bell was down.

*Oct. 11.* F. S., formerly a Single Sister, was married this evening by Th. C. Johnson, Esq., to M. (of necessity). Br. Siewers visited us on his way to the mountains and promised to gild the ball on our church tower.

*Oct. 14.* Rode to Salem to the conference; also bought a stove for our house, in part with money realized from the sale of our old one. The Sustentations D. is to pay the rest. On the way back I conversed for a time with Hy. Newsom regarding the salvation of his soul.

*Oct. 15.* Was at the mill. The tip of the tower with ball and weathervane were taken down today.

*Oct. 16.* In the afternoon opened a union meeting at Pfafftown with a sermon on Rom. 4:3. Not many were present. Afterwards at Hy. Schulz's.

*Oct. 17.* After I had held a Gemeinstunde for 10 persons on the watchword, we drove to Pleasant Valley. Mich. Daub preached on John 3:7. I preached in the afternoon on John 3:16. Many people had gathered. Mich. Daub preached also in the evening. Following the afternoon service I baptized a baby.

*Oct. 18.* We drove to the meeting. Br. Bahnsen preached on Matth. 22:1-14; Wiesner (Prot. Meth.), on I Peter 4:18. In the evening Swicegood (Lutheran), on Rev. 14:1-3. We spent the night at Hy. Schulz's.

*Oct. 19.* Br. Hagen preached in the morning on I Thess. 4:7. In the afternoon Mich. Daub, on I Cor. 13:13. I followed, and Br. Hagen closed this meeting with prayer.

*Oct. 23.* In the evening no service since the bell still has not been hung.

*Oct. 26.* Took the tower ball and star to Salem to Br. Siewers for gilding.

*Oct. 27.* In spite of the rain drove with Liddy Schaub and Elmira to Jonathan Leinbach's at Bethabara for the celebration of the jubilee.

*Nov. 2.* We drove to Salem. In the evening was a music test.

*Nov. 7.* The whole week we had to suffer from catarrh and rheumatism, so had to stay mostly at home.

*Nov. 14.* Rode to Andrew Krause's near the Pilot, since his wife was reported to be fatally ill. Found her very weak and resigned to the will of the Lord.

*Nov. 17.* Since it was 100 years today since the arrival of the first brethren at the site of the present Bethabara, a large part of our local congregation also went there to take part in the jubilee celebration. Probably over 1,000 men were there and conducted themselves very becomingly.

*Nov. 23.* In the afternoon the scaffold was taken down from our newly completed tower, thank God, without misfortune. It is now a real adornment for our church.

*Dec. 8.* We were at the semiannual meeting of the Home Mission Society, which was very pleasant. The building of a parsonage in Mt. Bethel is in prospect.

*Dec. 11.* In the afternoon, following music practice for Christmas, there was a negro service and children's baptism.

*Dec. 15.* S. Transou sent the first wood this winter. Collected money for the building of the tower.

*Dec. 17.* Greens were gathered. Music practice.

*Dec. 20.* The painting of the church completed for the present. Some loads of wood were delivered.

*Minutes of the Committee of the Bethania Congregation  
For the Year 1853.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 9.* The Brn. H. Butner, Jos. Transou, and S. Pfaff being absent.

After a part of the last minutes had been read:

1. The kitchen chimney came up for discussion. Br. Sol. Transou undertook to talk with Br. Chr. Grabs about the necessary poles and with Al. and James Grabs about the building.

2. Since water comes into the church from the tower in rainy weather, the Brn. S. Transou and E. Lehman are to investigate the tower to see whether perhaps it would pay to cover it with sheet metal. At the same time they will look at the fence and gates of the Gemein lot to see whether repairs on them are necessary.

3. Some repairs are also to be made on the road to the God's Acre.

4. About the contribution of the Married Sr. Emilie Reich, m. n. Stoltz, the committee thought she should pay as much as she thought she was able, but she is not to be pressed.

*March 25.* The Brn. Eug. Lehman and Sol. Pfaff being absent.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and discussed again.

a. The kitchen chimney unfortunately has not yet been put up. Since Alex. Grabs is now otherwise occupied, Br. H. Butner will talk with Hy. Spach about it, and James Grabs can then help him.

b. Regarding the church tower, Br. Sol. Transou reported that a metal covering should be provided as soon as possible. The brethren declared their willingness to contribute liberally toward this and other repairs. Also the lightning rod is in bad condition. If the work were undertaken, probably still more would be found to be done. Since the congregation treasury is in no position to help in any way, it was first decided that Br. E. Lehman be commissioned to make a calculation of the approximate costs. Then a subscription list is to be made and circulated among the members.

The fences around the Gemein lots are in poor condition. They are to be examined by all. Along the road to the God's Acre also they are poor and the graveyard fund must pay the cost there.

2. Br. Martin Holder reported that he had been commissioned by Br. Peter Pfaff to recommend to the committee the appointment of another brother for notifying the nonresidents about the weekly contributions. At the request of the committee Br. Holder undertook this and it can only be hoped that the members will be more prompt about the matter.

3. Br. Sam Strub has asserted positively that he no longer regards himself as a member and also will not pay his outstanding assessments. The pastor was requested to speak further with this brother about the matter in question.

4. In this connection the pastor remarked that unfortunately there was in several cases great indifference, if not worse, which showed itself in almost regular abstention from meetings, indeed even from Communion, in disharmony, slander, etc. For 7 years not one Single Brother has been a candidate for confirma-

tion. The nonresident youth almost never come to the Saal, etc. Regret was expressed concerning these great evils, but nothing further was done in the matter.

*April 24.* Br. Sol. Transou being absent.

1. In connection with the reading of the minutes of the last session it was noted:

a. The church chimney has now been put up.

b. Also, the fences have been repaired, although complaint was made about the small number of brethren active in this.

c. About Sam Strub the pastor reported that he had talked with him at length and that he had stated: If he would be asked to pay the \$3.00 a year and would have nothing to do with the lovefeasts, he intended to stay in the congregation; otherwise, he would join the Methodists, whom he had always preferred at any rate and where he had to give less. Since the committee could not agree to this proposal, it was thought best to let the matter rest for the present since the aforesaid brother would probably change his mind again.

2. There was more discussion about the church tower. Most of the brethren were of the opinion that complete repairs should be undertaken and that it should then be painted. The costs could not be estimated in advance. A subscription should therefore be opened to see how much would be collected. The pastor was requested to look after this matter in the village, and Br. Sol. Pfaff undertook to do so among the nonresident members. A beginning was made right on the spot.

3. The scrubbing of the Saal was discussed. For years this has been paid for by the Gemein account. Since this is deep in debt, it was decided to make an attempt again to get some of the women to scrub it voluntarily. Tuesday, May 3, was set for this and if the weather should be unfavorable, the following Tuesday.

4. The burial of non-Moravians in our God's Acre, and particularly of children, has increased a great deal recently. It seems to be the general impression that something must be done in the matter, especially since the amount set of \$2.00 for the grave of a child and \$4.00 for that of an adult has not been paid for a long time, and a considerable number of graves now are without gravestones. This matter must be laid before the heads of households, but it was the tentative opinion of the committee

that \$6.00 and \$10.00 should be asked. Then if no stone were provided by the relatives, the God's Acre account could pay for it.

*Meeting of Heads of Households on the congregational anniversary, June 12.*

1. The receipts and expenditures of the Gemein account for 1852 were reported. This, however, does not provide a true picture of the state of the matter since the debts are not listed in it, which amounted to more than \$200 at the end of the year. Of them, to be sure, over \$100 have been paid in the course of the present year or been accounted for; nonetheless, it is clear that it is necessary for the contributions to be paid as punctually as possible.

3. The burial of non-Moravians in our God's Acre was taken up and the following decisions reached:

- a. \$6.00 shall be asked for the grave of a child.
- b. \$10.00 shall be asked for the grave of an adult.
- c. If the relatives neglect to provide a gravestone, it will be paid for from this money.
- d. To assure the payment, a member of the committee is to be authorized to require that a note be given him at the application for a burial. As to asking for security, he is empowered in each case to act according to the circumstances.
- e. Br. E. C. Lehman was chosen for this and undertook the assignment.

*July 3.*

1. The pastor announced that Edwin Grabs, a married man, who with his family has belonged to the Protestant Methodists for a number of years, wishes to join the congregation again. The committee was glad to be able to welcome this brother again as one of us. (Ratified by the P.H.C.)

2. Since the subscription for repairs of the church tower, decided on at the last meeting, has made such progress that about \$150 can be counted on, it was decided to make a start on the matter right away. The Brn. E. C. Lehman and Jos. Transou were requested to take charge of the matter and to discuss it with Nat. Anderson and Tim. Hauser, who were proposed for the building.

3. So as to do something, without burdening the church account, about the often discussed problem of the hedge spreading into the meadow, Br. E. C. Lehman was requested to bring it

into order and in return is to have the use of it until he has been reimbursed for his trouble.

*Sept. 4.*

Since an insufficient number of members were present to pass any resolutions, only the following matters were discussed:

1. The married woman Sally Stoltz, m. n. Rothrock (Parmenio's wife), has expressed her wish to belong to the congregation here with her 2 children. (She was formerly a Salem communicant.) Since not only those members who were present had no objection to raise, but it was thought this would also be true of those absent, they considered themselves justified in receiving this person. (P.H.C. had already given tentative permission.)

2. The lumber needed for the church tower has been ordered from Mr. Flynn and is expected in the near future.

3. Br. E. C. Lehman will try to sell an old iron stove which is too large for the present parsonage.

At a later meeting at which only the brn. from the village were present, the Brn. Lehman and J. Transou were requested to have further supervision of the building of the tower. It was also decided to paint the exterior of the church, if the means for this would be at hand.

*Diary of the Friedberg, Hope, and Muddy Creek Congregations  
For the Year 1853.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 4.* Visited the whole day. Found Br. G. Knauss dead when I came at 2 o'clock. He had gone home an hour before, at the age of 60 years, 7 months, and 20 days. He was born May 15, 1792.

*Jan. 9.* In the afternoon there was the baptism of Sr. Nancy Spach, Br. Traugott Spach's wife. A good many people were present.

*Jan. 15.* In the evening Sr. Maria Magdalena Fischel died, aged 71 years, 3 months, and 24 days.

*Jan. 19.* Some brothers cut wood today.

*Jan. 29.* In the afternoon there was a meeting at Muddy Creek about building a bridge. A committee was appointed to carry this out.

*Feb. 1.* Went to Salem and attended the anniversary of the "Daughters of Temperance."

*Feb. 5.* Communion at Friedberg, with 57 partaking. It was overcast and threatened rain in the morning. Besides, there was a muster nearby and a sale had been arranged for at Jesse Miller's.

*Feb. 6.* In the evening the Widowed Sr. Wohlfahrt died.

*Feb. 8.* She was buried. A good many were present. After the funeral her surviving children were reconciled. For a long time there had been discord among them, and they made up with tears and kisses.

*Feb. 9.* I rode to Wm. Schor's and from there to Philip Reich's. The latter has injured his leg again which had been giving him trouble for a long time. His horse fell under him on his leg.

*Feb. 10.* Three groups worked and made a new fence from the God's Acre along the garden and field so as to build a new road through the middle of the God's Acre. The gate to the God's Acre and to the yard are to be relocated accordingly.

*Feb. 12.* I preached at Muddy Creek—a goodly number, particularly of women, were present. A constable election took a good many menfolk away. It is said that there usually is terribly bad behaviour at these elections, and probably this time too.

*Feb. 14.* Held the Latin school in the morning and plowed in the afternoon.

*Feb. 15.* Wrote in the morning and plowed in the afternoon. I find the latter interesting—because it is novel—but it tires one.

*Feb. 17.* Drove to Hege's mill and visited with Br. and Sr. Geo. Hege. Brought back a pair of peacocks.

*Feb. 21.* Held school and in the afternoon drove to the saw-mill.

*Feb. 22.* Two groups worked on the new God's Acre road—moved the gates—and made a fence from the north part of the God's Acre to the manure pile.

*March 4.* Snow.

*March 5.* Snow.

*March 6.* A few people came and we held devotions around the stove. In the afternoon I went to Hope to begin the reading of the Passion Week Manual. Only *one* girl was present. The roads are covered with snow, and bad.

*March 14.* Held the funeral of Michael Essig's wife who died yesterday. She left behind a baby of six weeks. The corpse was buried at Sauer's Church.

*March 15.* Planted potatoes.

*April 5.* Philip Rippel's wife Belinda, m. n. Frye, who died yesterday, was buried.

*April 6.* At 1 o'clock held the funeral of Lizzy Amburn, who died yesterday.

*April 11.* I was at Hopewell in the evening and preached to an audience which had gathered to hear a lecture on phrenology. The phrenologist, however, did not show up.

*April 12.* Visited at Danl. and Jacob Fishel's and also the Widow Seitz's, and wrote a letter to Texas.

*April 22.* In the evening I was at Jordan Rominger's, where I preached and R. Michaux added an exhortation.

*April 24.* Sunday School and funeral sermon in memory of the death of Sr. Catha. Kreuzfusser, who fell asleep last November. Very many people had gathered.

*April 30.* General meeting of the Forsyth Co. S. S. Union. A very inspiring meeting. Had severe headache.

*May 1.* The Methodists are having a big meeting today at the home of Jordan Rominger. On account of illness I could not go to Hope, where I had arranged to hold instruction and an evening service.

*May 3.* Drove to Salem. Heard a Methodist preacher deliver an address to the Odd Fellows, and in the evening held a prayer meeting in which several brn. took part.

*May 15. Whitsuntide.* In the afternoon the confirmation of the following persons:

1. The Married Br. Philip Reich;
2. Philip Hoffman, a single man;
3. Rosina Reich, m. n. Zimmermann, a married woman;
4. Susan Kreuzfusser, m. n. Painter, a married woman;
5. The widow Susan Painter, m. n. Loman; and the single women
6. Antoinette Spach;
7. Louisa Rothrock;
8. Lucinda Rothrock;
9. Maria Shore;
10. Mary Knauss;
11. Mary Spach.

*May 17-18-19.* I spent visiting my sister in Greensboro.

*May 22.* Preaching service at Hope. Confirmation and baptism. There were confirmed: 1. Gottlieb Spach; 2. Mary Null; 3. Rebecca Ball; 4. Carolina Womack.

Baptized: Elisabeth Peddycoard and Mary Williams. Very many people were present and it was a right blessed day for our dear Hope.

*May 23 to 28.* I spent with Br. Hartwig of Salem on a trip to the mountains and attended the congregational anniversary at Mt. Bethel on the 25th.

*June 2.* Drove to Salem with Sr. Hagen and attended

*June 3.* the girls' examination.

Preached at the home of David Hoffman near Reedy Creek.

*June 23.* Learned in the evening that my beloved mother went to be with the Saviour yesterday. Her age was 65 years, 7 months less one day.

*June 24.* Attended her funeral in Salem. O how thankful children should be for parents that lead them to the Saviour.

*July 3.* Preached in German at Friedberg. In the afternoon at Reedy Creek, Yount's stand.

*July 9.* Meeting of the committee, in which it was decided to refer to the heads of households the question whether a pump should be installed in the well. This was approved by them on the following day, and about \$16.00 were subscribed on the spot. For on that same morning a dead cat had been pulled out of the well. Such a thing could not so easily happen with the installation of a pump.

*July 23.* Our wheat was threshed and winnowed—27 bushels.

*July 30.* A pump was put in the well and worked fine right away.

*Aug. 6.* Held baptism, confirmation, and Communion at Muddy Creek (17 communicants). Baptized: 1. Isaak Doty; 2. Rhoda Phelps; 3. Rebecca Ellis. Confirmed: 1. Polly Essig; 2. Charity Daniels, together with some children.

*Aug 7.* Preached at Christian Yount's home, since it was too wet to gather at the "stand."

*Aug. 8-12.* We worked (Sussdorf and I) on the Salem Boarding School organ, which has been lent us for our use.

*Aug. 14.* Preaching service at Friedberg and Muddy Creek. Swicegood preached in the evening and D. Wesner closed with an exhortation. The singing was very loud.

*Aug. 17.* Meeting at Jacob Essig's and baptism of his children.

*Aug. 31.* Visited the 2 Srs. Vogler, both mother and daughter, who were ill. The fever is more prevalent than last year.

*Sept. 4.* Rain and camp meeting at Olivet caused only a few to be present. The Southfork is fuller than in many years.

*Sept. 7.* Our Mary has an intermittent fever, which is very prevalent along the Southfork.

*Sept. 11.* In the afternoon preached at Muddy Creek. Could not ride through Muddy Creek, so left my horse this side until a young man swam it across.

*Sept. 16.* Diener festival. Last night the barn of our Br. Christian Spach burned down together with about 180 bushels of wheat, much oats and hay, besides a big wagon, a threshing machine, and a cow. The fire broke out at 11 o'clock in the night

of the 15th. No one knows how it started. Our brother called upon the Lord at least to save his dwelling, and his prayer was heard. Although there were buildings standing close to the barn, which blazed fearfully, it did not spread further. His lips overflow with praise and thanks to the Lord, who was so gracious to him.

*Aug. 23.* Preached in the Girls' Boarding School at Salem on the occasion of the anniversary of the chapel.

*Aug. 27.* Drove to the mill at Salem.

*Oct. 2.* Preaching service in English—since there was no one here who was so German that he could not understand English just as well, and on the other hand many that do not understand German at all.

*Oct. 3.* Rode to Possumtown to a Lutheran camp meeting. They are as loud as the Methodists.

*Oct. 4.* On the way home I visited Br. Chr. Spach. His new barn will soon be under roof. The people have helped him much.

*Oct. 9.* In the afternoon preaching service in the Muddy Creek church. The people have improved this meetinghouse a great deal—they have even put up a little tower and a bell on it.

*Oct. 11.* Drove with Br. Chr. Hege to Lexington, where I preached at the Presbyterian church in the evening on invitation.

*Oct. 17.* Rode to Bethabara and, accompanied by Br. Oerter, attended a union meeting in the neighborhood of Pfafftown.

*Oct. 18.* Preached at the above-mentioned union meeting.

*Oct. 26.* In the evening preached at Boyer's schoolhouse.

*Oct. 30.* Sunday School and preaching service at Friedberg. Preaching service at Hopewell and infant baptism at Chr. Rothrock's.

*Oct. 31.* Split firewood and rails.

*Nov. 7.* We sowed wheat on the north side of the house.

*Nov. 8.* We paid Br. and Sr. Chr. Hege a farewell visit. They are about to move to Salem.

Nov. 15. Funeral of Sr. Anna Rosina Rominger (Philip's wife), who fell asleep the day before yesterday. She had reached the age of 58 years, 3 months, and 9 days.

Dec. 2. Wood cutting.

Dec. 6. We butchered 3 pigs.

Dec. 7. Attended the L. A. Cfz. at Salem. Held singing school.

Dec. 17. Communion at Friedberg. In addition, there was lovefeast, and in the morning an address and the baptism of the Single Sr. Mary Jenkins and of Ch[arity] Painter.

Dec. 29. Held a meeting at the house of the free negro Robert Mitchel on the other side of Muddy Creek and baptized him into the death of Jesus. His age is unknown. He may be between 70 and 80 or even older.

*Minutes of the Committee of the Friedberg Congregation  
For the Year 1853.*

[Extracts translated.]

Jan. 8.

4. It was resolved to speak to Christian Ernst, since on several occasions he has given way too much to anger. He is also to be requested not to dig any graves for non-Moravians unless he has received prior payment or is willing to guarantee the payment himself.

Feb. 5.

1. It was resolved to secure a number of lovefeast mugs (say 100) and to instruct the treasurer to have them come with one of the merchants who will soon be arriving from Salem. In the meantime payment for them will have to be taken care of in some way or other.

March 25. 3 brn. being absent.

The pastor read a letter from Br. E. T. Senseman, in which he [expressed] his grief at certain shameful calumnies which have been going the rounds about him for some time. The committee signed a letter to him in which they assured him that they had never believed these untruths and that the congrega-

tion loved and respected him and would do everything possible to justify him.

The committee agreed to endeavor to track down the originator of said calumnies and meet the requirements of the Brotherly Agreement. The pastor proposed that these calumnies should be refuted after the service on the coming Easter Sunday, and that an opportunity should be given to all who wished to do so to sign a letter expressing friendship to Br. Senseman. The committee approved of this, and it has since been carried out.

*July 9.* The Brn. Chr. Hege and Danl. Spach being absent.

1. [A Married Sister] has forfeited her membership in the congregation due to sins of the flesh.

4. Br. Perril agrees to talk to Br. Phil. Rominger about his not attending the services.

5. Since the well bucket is worn out, it was resolved to secure a new one. (Since then, however, it was decided rather to install a pump.)

*Aug. 20.* The Brn. Ch. Hege, Geo. Spach, and Chr. Spach being absent.

1. The pastor is to take over the account books from Br. Chr. Hege before he (the latter) moves to Salem and keep them until the next committee election.

2. A proposal to excuse the Diener and stewards from the lovefeast contribution was postponed for further consideration.

3. The members are to be urged to let Br. Chr. Spach have their contributions so that Br. Sussdorff may be paid for his work on the new organ.

*Meeting of the Heads of Households, October 29* (approximately 36 present)

It was resolved unanimously:

1. to propose to the members that for the year 1845 [1854] they contribute voluntarily to the support of the pastor *according to their means*.

2. The chopping of firewood is to continue without change.

Some 18 at once subscribed an amount of \$112.

*Nov. 19.* Br. Jno. Knauss being absent.

Following a hymn and prayer and an address, it was announced that Br. Chr. Hege had moved to Salem. Br. Chr. Spach takes over the vacant office of treasurer.

2. A reminder was given that the congregation still owes \$1.52 to our Br. D. Spach for lovefeast mugs and 87½ [dollars] to Br. Geo. Spach for a stovepipe.

3. It was resolved to relieve the head Saaldiener and his family from all lovefeast contributions and to have the other Diener and their families pay only for the Communion lovefeasts—but not for the other lovefeasts.

5. John Painter is to be spoken to about his domestic affairs.

6. Br. Joseph Nading is to be advised to rise in a Christian way above his old affair with Danl. Rothrock.

[In 1854 Britain and France were drawn into the Crimean War, and as a consequence, Florence Nightingale was led to begin her ministry of mercy in the Balkans. Meanwhile, Egypt granted Ferdinand de Lesseps a concession to build a canal at Suez. At the Vatican, the pope proclaimed the dogma of the immaculate conception of the Virgin.

On the other side of the world, Commodore Perry's negotiations with Japan resulted in opening two of that country's ports to trade with the United States, thus ultimately making the Orient accessible to Western influence.

Boston began to use its public library. The United States and Canada concluded a treaty of reciprocity, covering the natural products of the two countries. Congress passed the Kansas-Nebraska Act, giving these territories the right of local option in determining the legality of slavery within their borders. This act represented a surrender of authority by the federal government regarding this burning issue and added fresh fuel to the national controversy on slavery. This development, in turn, had much to do with the rise of the "Know Nothing" and the Republican parties.

In the vicinity of Winston-Salem itself, the plank road was extended to Bethania, which became its ultimate terminus in this part of the state.]

*Minutes of the Wachovia Provinzial Helfer Conferenz in Salem  
For the Year 1854.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 26.*

2. In Bethabara the old committee has continued in office in view of the communication sent to that congregation by the P.H.C. It appears also that only a couple of brethren continue to be dissatisfied.

5. Three letters written by two different brethren indicate plainly that the German members, living near Bastrop in Texas, are at odds among themselves. In accordance with their wish, the Daily Texts and the blue booklets [Gemein Nachrichten] are to be sent to them, for which they can remit payment in gold through the mail. It is to be hoped too that perhaps a reconciliation and reunion may be effected among them as a result of counseling.

8. A letter from Br. Ricksecker in Hopedale [Pennsylvania] was read, which contained an appeal from the committee of that place for financial contributions from our local congregation towards their new church building. It was decided that it should be communicated to the congregation.

*Feb. 6.*

2. The main reason for the present meeting was the circumstance that the Single Sisters' Pflegerinn of this place, Sr. Fr. Pfohl, has requested to be relieved of her office. Even at the time she assumed this office in December of 1852, Sr. Pfohl had stated that she could accept it only on a trial basis. Now she wishes to be completely relieved of it and indicates as her main reason for this request her sense and conviction of her being unequal to this office. The P.H.C. regretted that Sr. Pfohl had reached this decision, but under the circumstances it could not but accept her resignation. In our deliberations regarding the filling of the vacant position the conviction was reached that, since no suitable Single Sister or Widowed Sister is to be found in our district, the call should again be extended to Sr. Fr. Hüffel. This could be justified by the fact that the state of her health, which had been the main reason for her resigning her office two years ago, was greatly improved and that other circumstances which formerly often hindered her in carrying out her official duties were now completely removed. Br. Herman will write to Sr. Hüffel along these lines with tomorrow's mail. Should Sr. Hüffel not be led to accept this call, the P.H.C. resolved to offer this office to Sr. Caroline Zorn at Bethlehem again, subject to the approval of the lot.

3. Since the Girls' Boarding School is overcrowded, the P.H.C., as trustees of the Boarding School, considered it appropriate to lay down the rule, as desired by the Inspector, "that for the time being no pupil should be admitted to the school *without her having made prior application*, no matter how great the distance might be from which she had come."

*Feb. 22.*

2. Yesterday a letter was received from Sr. Hüffel declining for reasons of health the call extended to her. Therefore the P.H.C., in accordance with its decision of February 6, proceeded to inquire \* [of the lot] regarding the Widowed Sr. Caroline Zorn at Bethlehem, and we were given the directive: "The

Saviour approves our proposing that the Widowed Sr. Caroline Zorn should assume the office of Pflegerin of the Single Sisters at this place." Consequently, Br. Herman will forward the call to Sr. Zorn with tomorrow's mail.

*March 13.*

3. Br. F. Hagen has reported that due to the illness of Sr. C. Benzien and the lack of music teachers, the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School had requested him to give music lessons twice a week in the Boarding School. Under the existing circumstances the P.H.C. has no objection to this.

4. Br. Lewis Rights has informed us that he owes about \$60.00 to the store, dating back to his early period at Friedland. He is unable to pay this and applies for a grant-in-aid. The P.H.C. thinks that this debt should be canceled by the Wa. Sust. Diac. because Br. Rights' situation at Friedland, when he was first employed there, was an impoverished one.

5. A memorandum was communicated from several brethren belonging to Friedland, mostly residing at Kernersville. These brethren want to establish an institute for boys at Kernersville and ask the P.H.C. to assume supervision of it. Funds are to be secured through the sale of shares. The P.H.C. resolved to arrange for an interview with these brethren, so as first of all to obtain more exact information regarding their plans.

*March 27.*

2. On the 13th of this month a letter was received from Sr. C. Zorn, in which she declines the call extended to her since she does not believe she is equal to the office.

3. A letter from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated February 25, was received on March 22. It reports that the U. M. Dep. could grant to the sustentation account only \$40.00, or a fourth, of the debts left by the late Br. J. R. Schmidt without setting a dangerous precedent. This amount is to be turned over to the widow. The costs of the burial, etc., are also to be borne by our Sustent. Diac. We on our part cannot do any more.

4. Regarding the office of Pflegerin of the Single Sisters, the P.H.C. has no other recourse, since we know of no other Sister to whom we could extend a call to become the Pflegerin, than jointly with the A.C. to appoint one of the older sisters in the Srs.' House as head of the House, and to offer the office of Pflegerin first to the Married Sr. Elis. Pfohl.

5. The intended visitation at the Cherokee mission was discussed again at length. The P.H.C. considered such a visit most desirable just at this time, since the future success of the mission seems to be closely related to decisions which would be taken in the course of a visitation. Since Br. Bahnson, as pastor of the Salem congregation, could not leave it for 3-4 months, and Br. Emil Schweinitz would also be prevented by his official duties, which do not permit any postponement, from undertaking such a journey this spring, Br. Herman indicated his willingness to venture upon this difficult journey in reliance upon the Lord, despite his advanced age, provided the Lord would give His approval to it. We therefore sought to know the mind of the Lord in regard to the proposed visitation \* [by means of the lot] with a question calling for a "yes" or "no" answer. We received the *affirmative* answer: "The Saviour approves of the intended visitation of the Cherokee mission's taking place this year."

Br. Herman will leave on his journey so soon as the necessary preparations can be made.

*April 10.*

2. The P.H.C. learned from a letter from Br. Jacobson that the Bethlehem P.A.C. was of the opinion that, for various reasons, nothing could be done at present regarding the transfer of the congregation at New Salem and the home missionary activity in Illinois and that this matter should best be postponed until after the next provincial synod.

3. Letters received since our last session from the Brethren Vogler, Bishop, and Warner testify to the need of a visitation and the urgent desire of the missionaries to have such a visit take place so soon as possible. The P.H.C. gave Br. Herman carte blanche to act according to the circumstances and his best judgment during his forthcoming visit to the mission, for the reason that the affairs are of such a nature that decisive measures can be taken only after knowledge of and insight into the circumstances has been gained on the spot. The Lord willing, Br. Herman is to begin his journey on the 20th of this month, accompanied by Br. Augustus Fogle in a two-horse vehicle.

5. Since according to the action of the Salem Home Mission Society Br. Jacob F. Siewers is about to move with his family as a home missionary to Mt. Bethel, Patrick County, Virginia,

he can no longer continue to serve the little congregation at New Philadelphia. The P.H.C. resolved to transfer the care of this station to Br. Lewis Rights, who could perhaps carry on his preaching in the poor house during the week. It would be desirable in any case that preaching services should be held at least twice a month at New Philadelphia.

6. Br. Adam Haman has presented a request that he should be permitted to send his son Theophilus to Nazareth Hall for further education. After considering the circumstances, the P.H.C. believes that for the time being this request cannot be granted since the boy is not 12 years old and has opportunity here too to receive a good schooling.

7. During Br. Herman's absence, Br. Bahnsen is to take over the office of head pastor of the congregation and the chairmanship of the A.C. Official letters are to be circulated as is customary; Br. Emil von Schweinitz will be responsible for answering the letters from the U.A.C. whenever necessary. —The idea was suggested that Br. and Sr. Hartvig could be used as assistant Pfleger of the Married People's Choir in our quite extensive Salem congregation; further action on this matter, however, was postponed.

*April 12.*

2. Following more extensive consideration, the P.H.C. decided it would be wise to give up the idea for the time being of appointing Br. and Sr. Hartvig to service in the Married People's Choir.

3. In case Sr. Elisab. Pfohl should not accept the call given her to the office of Pflegerinn of the Single Sisters, it was agreed to extend the call to serve in this way to the Married Sr. Hartvig and, in return as a remuneration, have the Single Sisters' Diakonie provide that part of the house rent which Br. Hartvig has hitherto paid personally.

*Note:* Sr. Elisab. Pfohl has declined the call, and Sr. Hartvig therefore has assumed the office of Single Sisters' Pflegerinn.

*Aug. 10. Br. S. Thos. Pfohl being present.*

2. On August 7 we received the painful news that it had pleased the Lord to bring our dear Br. J. G. Herman to his blessed consummation at 1/2 11 o'clock in the evening of July 20, as a result of inflammatory gallbladder fever. This occurred on his return journey from the Cherokee mission in Stone County, Missouri, in the house of a man named McCullah.

3. In consequence of this unexpected home going, Br. Saml. Thos. Pfohl had been requested to serve temporarily as the third member of the P.H.C. and was present in this capacity. Br. Bahnsen took over the chairmanship of the P.H.C. ad interim.

4. Since Br. Herman's departure, 6 letters had been received from our correspondent on the U.A.C. . . . The third, dated May 1 and received the 24th of that month, contained a call to Br. Lawrence Oerter to Jamaica. Br. Oerter left Bethabara for Pennsylvania on June 15, thence to proceed on his journey to the West Indies. Br. M. E. Grunert has accepted the call extended to him to serve Bethabara for the time being from Bethania.

The fourth, dated May 20 and received June 12, contained a circular letter from the U.A.C. calling for the election of a 4th member on the Helpers' and Education Department because Br. Curie's energies are steadily decreasing. The P.H.C. voted unanimously, and in agreement with the Landarbeiter Cfz. and the Salem A.C., for the Brethren Theodor Dober at Neuwied, Gustav Tietzen at Niesky, and Heinrich Levin Reichel at Gnadenberg. This letter also contained various interesting items concerning Br. Breutel's visitation in South Africa. Further, we thought of the 100th anniversary celebration of the seminary on May 18 and wished for it God's blessing.

The fifth, dated June 17 and received July 12, contained a description of the 100th anniversary celebration of the ministers' conference at Herrnhut.<sup>1</sup> In this letter the attention of our P.H.C. is directed to a sentence in minutes of the U.A.C. containing the statement that Br. J. A. Friebele, as minister of the negroes in Salem, had no real claim on the Unit. Missions Diac. for pension or rent. It should be stated in this connection that the brother who has served the little negro congregation at Salem has in the past, almost without exception, been one pensioned by the Missions Diac.; further, that the little negro congregation has always been considered as actually belonging to the mission field; and that Br. Friebele's rent has been charged to the Missions Diac. because he had never had an appointment in local church service as others had had before him, and therefore has no real claim upon our Sustentations Diac. The P.H.C.

<sup>1</sup> A series of annual conferences of pastors and candidates for the ministry of the state church with those of the Moravian church, held for mutual edification and counsel. They met at Herrnhut, and in the early years had been actively promoted by Zinzendorf and Spangenberg.

hopes that in view of these facts and of the impoverished state of our Sust. Diac. the U.A.C. will not change the arrangement hitherto in force.

5. Without our wishing to trespass on the perogatives of the U.A.C. in the matter of filling Br. Herman's place, yet to save time, the filling of the late brother's position as chairman of the Wa. P.H.C. was discussed. We were unanimous in feeling that it would be most desirable to fill this place permanently by this fall, for to wait until the close of the provincial synods that are to be held in the coming year would delay the actual occupancy of this post for a long time. In our opinion, the circumstances here in Wachovia and especially in Salem require prompt, permanent appointment. Since Br. Kluge is fully acquainted with the circumstances and the personalities, the P.H.C. did not consider it necessary to go into detail regarding individual points and proposes to the U.A.C. as its nominees the Brethren Peter Wolle, J. C. Jacobson, and G. F. Bahnsen. It entrusts the decision in this important matter to the U.A.C. in complete confidence. The P.H.C. commissioned Br. Emil von Schweinitz to report to Br. Cunow to this effect.

6. Two letters from Br. Miles Vogler, dated July 21 and 24, report that while Br. Herman had been visiting the mission, the decision had been reached to give up Canaan. This means that one couple will no longer be needed, and Br. and Sr. Vogler had indicated their readiness to return. The P.H.C. held that Br. and Sr. Vogler should come back, but considers them as members of the missionary staff and cannot promise them any appointment in Wachovia. Perhaps Br. and Sr. Vogler could return with Aug. Fogle; if it should be found necessary, 1 additional horse and wagon would have to be secured for their journey. Br. and Sr. Mock will move to Mt. Zion.

7. Mention was also made of the cornerstone of the new Girls' Boarding School building having been solemnly laid at  $\frac{1}{2}$  7 o'clock in the evening of the 9th of this month.

*Aug. 15.*

2. The occasion for this session was a letter written by Br. J. C. Jacobson in the name of the Bethlehem P.A.C., in which our P.H.C. was asked whether we could release a brother from our district for York, difficulties having arisen in providing this congregation with a pastor. In case we should be willing to let

them have a suitable brother, they in turn would offer a replacement. The P.H.C. was of the opinion that, since the state of affairs had changed here with us through Br. Herman's going home unexpectedly, it would be better to postpone this matter, if possible, until after Br. Herman's place should have been filled. We on our part are willing to help and to take further steps should the Bethlehem P.A.C. be unable to wait; however, we would first wish to know whom they might have in mind for us, since we shall have to insist upon an exchange. Br. Bahnsen will report to Br. Jacobson to this effect.

*Aug. 30.*

2. Since Sr. Herman has repeatedly expressed a desire to be relieved of her office of Pfleger of the Widows, the P.H.C. agreed to offer it to the Widowed Sr. C. S. Van Vleck. Should Sr. Van Vleck decline this call, the Married Sr. Elisab. Pfohl might perhaps take over this office for the time being. *Note:* Sr. Van Vleck has accepted the call.

3. A letter from Br. G. Bishop, dated August 1 and received on the 21st, contains the sad news of Br. Miles Vogler's home going on the 1st of this month as a result of dysentery, after an illness of some 6 days. Prior to his end, said brother had asked Br. Aug. Fogle to take his wife and children to Salem, to which the P.H.C. gives its approval.

*Sept. 6.* Br. Robt. Schweinitz being present.

The purpose of this session was to provide the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School with an opportunity of submitting to the P.H.C. the annual report and the balance sheet of the Girls' Boarding School for the period from June 1, 1853, to May 31, 1854. With gratitude to the Lord, the P.H.C. noted that His blessing had again rested upon the institution in a remarkable way throughout the past year. The *excess of income* as of this date amounts to \$11,689.85. This surplus was allocated as follows:

1. Contribution to the Wachau. Sustent. Diac.	\$ 1,000.00
2. Reserved for the losses of the cotton factory	1,000.00
3. Reserved for questionable debts	1,000.00
4. For 2 new horses and a dray, recently acquired because of the building	260.00
5. Reserved for beds	200.00

6. Reserved for the furniture account, in view of the need of getting new furniture for the new building	1,129.85
7. Reserved for the building account	7,100.00
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*Oct. 9.*

1. On September 8 we had received the sad news of the home going on August 15 of the Married Sr. Louisa Senseman, m. n. Vogler, wife of Br. Edwin Senseman at New Salem, and also of the widespread illness within the congregation of New Salem.

2. On September 6 we received the first official letter from our present correspondent on the U.A.C., Br. C. F. Kluge, dated August 13. Br. Kluge reports his safe arrival at Herrnhut on August 2.

3. On October 6 a second letter reached us from Br. Kluge and the U.A.C. in reply to Br. Schweinitz' letter, dated August 15, which had contained the proposals of our P.H.C. regarding the filling of the late Br. Herman's position. This letter contained the important information that the proposals made by us had been rejected \* [by the lot] and that the U.A.C. had received a directive from the Lord: "The Saviour approves our calling Br. Levin T. Reichel as president of the Provincial Helper Conferenz in Wachovia and as head pastor of Salem." Br. Kluge adds: "that Br. Reichel has at the same time been called as head pastor of Salem will not surprise your P.H.C., since the reasons for combining this office with that of the presidency of the P.H.C. in Br. Herman's case proved to be valid, and indeed are still effective." He desires also to know how the ministers in the Wachovia congregations had taken this call. The P.H.C. stated that as far as it was concerned it was quite content with Br. Reichel's call, though it recognized that the procedure in Br. Herman's case had been different. Br. Herman had not been called as the head pastor of Salem by the U.A.C., but only as the president of the Wachovia P.H.C.; his filling the office of head pastor of the congregation had been decided upon here. Since we value our connection with the U.A.C. and the European portion of the Moravian church and desire to maintain it so far as we may, we consider it very important that even the mere appearance of interference in our local affairs should be avoided, such as the U.A.C.'s calling a head pastor of Salem, especially since

*individuals* in making a comparison with the arrangements prevailing in the northern district might easily so consider it, and thus the wish for greater independence might be awakened. Br. Reichel is not known in the congregations in Wachovia, so time must tell how they will react to his call.

4. Today, October 9, a letter arrived from Br. Levin T. Reichel, dated October 5 and addressed to Br. Schweinitz. It reported his call; however, due to his total unfamiliarity with the state of affairs in Wachovia, he had not as yet completely decided to accept it. He had, however, tentatively notified the U.A.C., the P.A.C. in Bethlehem, and the Litiz congregation of his conditional acceptance. Should any misgivings be voiced in our P.H.C. regarding his acceptance, he expressed the wish that we would state these frankly to him.

Our P.H.C. considers Br. Reichel's call as coming from the Lord and has no misgivings about his accepting it. Br. Reichel will be received among us with love and trust. No doubt Br. Reichel is familiar enough with English, which is employed almost exclusively in public addresses in Wachovia, that no difficulties would arise for him on that score. Br. Schweinitz will report to him to this effect. Announcement of Br. Reichel's call is to be made to the Salem congregation in a Singstunde tomorrow evening, the 10th, and to the rural ministers by means of a circular letter, which they are to communicate to their congregations.

5. A letter has been received from Br. E. Senseman, dated September 12. In it he discusses his position and expresses a wish to be permitted to return to Salem so as to fill temporarily some subordinate post as a widower. He further wishes, if possible, to send his son John to Salem with Br. Aug. Fogle at the expense of our Sustent. Diac. Br. Bahnsen has replied to Br. Senseman that at present we were quite unable to decide on his future position, but that we sanction his son's journey at the cost of the Wa. S. Diac.

6. It was further resolved to advance \$100 from the Wa. Sustent. Diac. for the purchase of the lot adjacent to the new church in Olney, since this action had already been recommended by Br. Herman and has been urgently requested by Br. Martin Hauser.

*Oct. 16.*

2. On the 13th of this month a letter was received from Br. Jacobson at Bethlehem, dated the 8th. In it the Bethlehem

P.A.C., referring to its earlier letter of August 8, again requests one of the two brethren Hagen or E. T. Senseman for an appointment within the northern district. Following mature deliberation of this whole matter and a clear recognition of all of the difficulties which would be created for us by one of these brethren being called away, but recognizing our duty to help wherever it is in our power to do so, the P.H.C. reached the decision to allow the Bethlehem P.A.C. to have one of said brethren for appointment in their district and to leave the choice between the two brethren to the P.A.C. in Bethlehem. Br. Bahnsen will report this to Br. Jacobson.

3. The account of the Wa. Sustent. Diac. of June 1, 1853, to May 31, 1854, was examined. Though the expenditures have been reduced on the whole, the excess of income amounts only to \$3.90 $\frac{1}{4}$  because the contribution from the Girls' Boarding School was \$1,500 less than the former year, due to building.

*Nov. 1.*

2. A letter from Br. Jacobson, dated October 24, had been received on October 30, containing a call to Br. F. F. Hagen to become the pastor of the York, Pennsylvania, congregation. In this letter the P.A.C. in Bethlehem requests that, should Br. Hagen desire to receive the call with the approval of the lot, our P.H.C. should submit it to the lot. In case of a negative reply or of his positively declining the call, then it should be extended to Br. Edwin T. Senseman in the name of the Bethlehem P.A.C.

3. Since Br. F. F. Hagen has requested a decision by means of the lot, we proceeded to put the question \* [to the lot] and received the affirmative reply: "The Saviour approves that we should take steps to have Br. F. F. Hagen become the pastor of the congregation in York."

*Nov. 3.*

2. A letter, dated October 9, had been received on November 1 from our correspondent on the U.A.C. It indicated that the Missions Depart. felt unable to agree to our request to have Br. Friebele's rent paid by the Un. M. Diac. because it did not consider the little negro congregation at Salem as actually belonging to the mission field. We will, therefore, have to try to have the rent paid from another source, perhaps with the help of the Female Missionary Society of Salem.

3. The P.H.C. proceeded to consider the filling of Br. Hagen's post at Friedberg together with Hope and Muddy Creek. Follow-

ing mature consideration of all the circumstances, it was resolved to extend a call to Friedberg to Br. Lewis Rights of Friedland. We would try to fill Br. Rights' place at Friedland by Br. Edwin Senseman of New Salem, provided Br. Herman Titze is willing to take charge of the congregation at New Salem. Br. Bahnsen will write to the Brethren Senseman and Titze to this effect with the next mail.

4. A letter addressed to Br. Bahnsen from Br. G. Bishop, dated October 6 and received on October 30, and one to Br. Schweinitz, dated October 10, called for consideration. The former contained a copy of the minutes of the missionary conference held on July 4, 1854, with Br. Herman in attendance. The main items in it had already been sanctioned by Br. Herman at that time: regarding the removal of Canaan to Mt. Zion, various changes in the farm buildings at New Springplace, and the erecting of a dwelling at Mt. Zion. Regarding the placement of the various brethren in this field, Br. Herman had reached no conclusion at that time but had reserved this decision for his return to Salem. Since we had already resolved to place Br. Mock at Mt. Zion, the rest of the brethren will retain their former charges. Br. Bishop will resume the chairmanship of their conference but also retain his office as Vorsteher. We can make no regulation for the time being regarding the clothing grant, so that the former arrangement must continue. In general we hope to receive more exact information on a number of points from Br. Herman's papers. As to the site for the house at Mt. Zion, it is likely that it will have been put up before our letters can reach the mission. If not, then their missionary conference will have to decide upon the spot. The improvements at Canaan can be sold in accordance with Br. Bishop's proposal.

*Nov. 30.*

3. A letter from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated October 30 and received on November 20, brought us a circular letter from the U.A.C. calling for the election of a member on the Miss. Department to replace Br. Jos. R. Römer, who is resigning due to ill health. The P.H.C. agreed upon the Brethren R. Wullschiägel in Surinam, Dl. Suhl in Africa, and Baum in the Danish West Indies as its 3 nominees.

4. The Widowed Sr. Sophia Vogler, who has just returned from the Cherokee mission with 3 children—to whom 2 elder

children must be added whom she had left in Salem 2 years ago—is to receive the usual pension of \$60.00 per annum for herself, effective from December 1 of this year, and for her 5 children \$200 per annum at this time. As much of this amount as she will need for getting established is to be advanced to her. Furthermore, her eldest daughter Mary, who is living in the Girls' Boarding School at present, could most suitably move to her mother's; as a result, the stipend of \$120 per annum paid for her would terminate and thus the Un. Miss. Diac. will have to pay only \$80.00 more for all 5 children than formerly for Mary alone.

*Dec. 5.*

The P.H.C. again discussed the situation in the Cherokee mission at length. It appears clear from all information received that the expenditure of effort and money is quite disproportionate to the desired results. Much that has come to our knowledge has saddened the P.H.C., but for the moment we do not see how the present weaknesses could be corrected. The P.H.C., however, was unanimously of the opinion that a halt should be called, if possible, in any further physical extension of the mission. Therefore, it was resolved to write to Br. Bishop immediately that should the erection of the house at Mt. Zion not have been begun, which indeed is unlikely, it is not to be undertaken for the time being. Br. and Sr. Mock could remain at Canaan and serve Mt. Zion from there.

*Dec. 19.*

The P.H.C. had the pleasure of welcoming Br. Levin T. Reichel in its midst, he having arrived with his family safe and sound in Salem on the 16th of this month. In accordance with his call, Br. Reichel assumed the chairmanship of our conference.

*Dec. 28.*

3. A letter from Br. E. T. Senseman, dated December 5 and received on the 27th, declined the call extended to him and expressed his willingness to continue to serve in the West. Br. Titze also in his letter positively refuses the call extended to him to serve the congregation at New Salem.

4. Since Friedland and New Philadelphia are without pastors and the unfavorable replies which have just been referred to leave no hope for filling the pastorates in these congregations

soon, it was arranged for the present to have services held once a month at these places with preachers sent from Salem, or oftener if it can be done. A beginning is to be made at Friedland on January 7 and at New Philadelphia on the 14th.

*Minutes of the Aufseher Collegium in Salem For the Year 1854.*

[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 16. Absent Br. Charles Brietz.*

1. Regarding paragraph 1 [of the preceding minutes] it could be reported that the Brn. Pfohl and Fries have talked to Br. Charles Brietz and that it is evident from his statements that he really wishes to wind up his business completely. However, it has come to light that he owes more debts than we originally knew of and that since the previous session of the Col. he has given security for them in the form of an additional deed of trust for all of his property that may remain after the securities given by him have been satisfied. In it he has referred to each creditor by name with the exception of the Gem. Diac., and consequently the latter, even though his stock in trade had been conveyed to it, ultimately runs the risk of a considerable loss in connection with his note for \$6,328.07, since then only the buildings and the establishment on the lot would be left for liquidating it. Therefore, the Col. believes it is time to take serious measures in this matter and consequently directs Br. Francis Fries, who as the executor of the late Br. Fr. Meinung must now act in the capacity of a trustee, to initiate the proper steps to assert the claim of the Gem. Diac. to the stock in trade which was conveyed in it. Since a question of law is involved in this which has not as yet been decided, he first will have to seek the advice of persons familiar with the law.

2. Br. Traug. Leinbach plans to construct a 3 story addition at the north side of his house during the course of this year, in such a way that it will adjoin Br. Zevely's house. He has reached an understanding with him. The Col. has no objection.

3. Br. Joshua Boner would like to buy a triangular piece of land located between Br. Edmund Schulz's plantation and the Salisbury road, so as to keep the road to the sawmill open. According to him, it may contain about 3 acres. The Col. thinks that he should be given preemption in any future sale.

4. Several residents of Winston apply to buy an acre of land to the west along Shallowford Street, lying within half a mile of the town, to locate a cemetery there. The decision was postponed.

5. Br. Chrn. Hege applies for 10 acres of woodland adjacent to that which formerly belonged to Sr. Cathar. Wohlfahrt. However, since Br. Em. Reich had formerly spoken of taking over this land, inquiry must first be made as to what our commitments are to him in this matter.

The Col. was not led to grant another request from the same brother for acquiring two acres of woodland between Br. Meller's outlot and the plank road which is to be built.

6. Br. Francis Fries is prepared to take over the land lying on both sides of the Lexington road offered to Parmenio Schulz (see the minutes of March 22, 1852, paragraph 3) at \$5.00 an acre (inclusive of the road), at this price which Schulz refused to pay (see the minutes of May 9, 1853, paragraph 4). The Col. gave its approval.

7. Br. Francis Fries is not unwilling, provided the Gem. Diac. would grant him the necessary timber, to build a plank road at his own expense from Phil. Reich's corner, past the factory, and as far as the plank road which leads to Winston, which it would join about a mile from Main Street at Phil. Reich's. He promises that if the company should take over this road after its completion, to repay the value of the timber in plank road stock. This offer was postponed for further consideration at a future session.

*Jan. 30.* Absent the Brn. Brietz and Cooper.

1. Br. Francis Fries now has received a reply regarding the legal question in reference to the deed of trust given by Br. Chs. Brietz. It shows that the one to whom the question was put (Mr. John Gilmer) is of the opinion that the Gem. Diac. could make good against later deeds its claims on the stock in trade which had been conveyed to it. Br. Fries therefore was asked to take the proper steps to sell all of the property referred to in the deed, in case those concerned with the later trusts would not acknowledge the prior claim of the Gem. Diac. to said stock in trade.

2. Br. Chrn. Hege withdraws his proposal to purchase the 10 acres referred to in paragraph 5 of the preceding minutes, but now applies for a 2 acre outlot lying to the west of that of

Br. B. Warner's. The Col. is not inclined to rent land in that direction from town at present.

3. The Col. discussed the idea of constructing a 3rd balcony in the church, namely opposite the pulpit and especially for the use of the Girls' Boarding School, being connected by means of a covered passage with the 2nd floor of the new Boarding School building which is to be erected. This was considered desirable, since particularly on the sisters' side there often is not room enough in the church.

At this time too the Col. took up the wish which has been expressed repeatedly by various members of the congregation that provision should be made for heating the church. It was our opinion that this could be achieved most feasibly by installing a furnace under the floor, from which warmed air would rise into the church. —However, since these alterations are properly a matter for the congregation council to decide, these considerations should be presented to it.

4. Sr. Lucinda Bagge would like to take over Br. Henry Rüde's outlot along Belews Creek Street and build a house on it for the nonresident Br. Henry Ladeck, since she frequently employs him and therefore would like to have him near her. —The Aufs. Col. has no objection to Sr. Bagge's acquiring said lot, but the erection of a house on it may not be permitted, since thus a precedent would be established. Before long, as a result, a number of small shacks would be built on such outlots around the town, some of them occupied perhaps by people not of the best class. Furthermore, the occupants of such lots would thus be given a stronger claim to them than one would like to allow them to have; their return to the Gem. Diac. for other purposes, such as the laying out of town lots, would thus be made much more difficult.

*Feb. 13.* Absent the Brn. C. Brietz, C. Cooper, and H. Schaffner.

1. Regarding Br. Chs. Brietz's affair, it could be reported that he now has collected an amount of approximately \$800, which however he has not yet turned in, since we have been unable to reach a mutual agreement regarding the receipt that is to be issued. In the year 1848, Br. Brietz deposited several notes with the Vorsteher to guarantee his interest payments with the understanding that the payments made on these notes should be applied to the payment of the interest on his own notes. Since,

therefore, the full amount of the notes was never credited to him, the question was raised as to what should now be done with them. The Col. is in favor of accepting one of them (that against Br. Lewis Belo) and crediting it to Br. Brietz, provided Br. Belo would exchange it for another drawn in favor of the Gem. Diac. We are willing also to accept the remaining notes against Wm. Leinbach and Em. Reich, if proper security were given for them. Under similar conditions, the Col. is also willing to accept a note for \$200 which Br. Henry Rüde owes to Br. C. Brietz. In this connection it is understood that the first 3, should they be accepted, would be credited to the \$6,328.07 note, on which \$1,145 of interest were owing as of February 1.

2. In this connection the financial status of Br. Henry Rüde was also discussed. Among the rest, he owes the Gem. Diac. for a note in the amount of \$612, which is secured by a deed of trust on his house. On this, some \$150 of interest is now outstanding. The Col. does not believe that this should be allowed to continue in this way. An attempt is to be made to arrange to have part of what he earns at the Girls' Boarding School held for the payment of this debt.

3. Br. Chrn. Hege now applies for an outlot lying to the east of Br. Henry Meinung's. The Col. grants it to him. Since the distribution of such wooded lots has worked disadvantage to the Gem. Diac. under the rules and conditions currently in effect, the Col. is unwilling to rent any more of them under these rules.

4. In a congregational council held on the 6th of this month, both the construction of a 3rd balcony and the heating of the church by means of a furnace were approved and the Col. was commissioned to carry this out. At the same time it was resolved that contributions should be gathered in town towards the cost of the furnace. This the Col. thought best to set in motion at once and commissioned the Brn. Schweinitz, Pfohl, and E. A. Vogler to make a start with it. It is indeed impossible at this time to estimate exactly what the outlays will be, but it is thought they will amount to about \$400. Should it be possible to collect more in this manner than will be required for this purpose, the remainder is to be used for other improvements to the church.

5. A considerable number of sisters wish to hold a fair in the near future and with the proceeds procure better illumination of the church, this by means of lamps. However, they do not have a

large enough room in which to work on their wares. Therefore, they apply for the use of the little Saal for this purpose, and the Col. believes it may be granted them with the understanding that the evening services are not to be interfered with thereby.

6. The Single Br. Charles Schober applies for a building lot of 200 feet square on the so-called muster ground behind Sr. Winkler's lot and that of Br. Wm. Schulz. Since this is a location where, for various reasons, artisans or other people who lack means would hardly build, the Col. grants him the lot in question under the conditions contained in the new lease. Tomorrow the Brn. Schweinitz, Fries, and Pfohl will go to see how this lot can now suitably be laid out.

7. Br. Lewis Belo has taken over Br. Henry Rüde's outlot, and similarly Br. F. Fries, Br. Boner's meadow at the bridge. On the latter, the bricks for the new Boarding School building are to be made.

*March 13.* Absent the Brn. L. Belo and E. A. Vogler, away on a journey, Br. Chs. Cooper due to illness, and Chs. Brietz.

1. Regarding the matter of Br. Charles Brietz, it could be reported that since the last session of the Col. he had paid the Vorsteher the money which he had taken in for notes and accounts and had received credit for it on his note of \$4,000. The balance of the money recently received for leather, etc., he is still holding, and Br. Fries together with Mr. Wilson will try to reach an understanding about this.

Since the further operation of the tannery either by Br. Brietz or someone else will require the purchase of the necessary stock of bark at the proper time of the year, the Col., having been asked about this, is willing to have Br. Brietz use the money he receives for leather and shoes for the purchase of bark and hides.

Br. Lewis Belo has signed a note of \$200 in favor of the Gem. Diac. and paid off the rest of his note to Briez [sic]. Similarly, Br. Em. Reich has paid \$80.00 of the Brietz note and intends to pay off the balance, of about \$150, in installments, but does not want to give any security. The Col. believes that his financial position is such that he could keep this promise and that it would not be necessary to insist on any security in his case. —Br. Wm. Leinbach also finds it difficult to provide security for his note, but promises to pay off \$10.00 to \$12.00 a month on it. However, the Col. is aware of the fact that he has considerable debts and that his paying this note in full will depend on

the success of his business and his continuing good health; in the case of his death, there would be no certainty of its being paid. Therefore, inquiry is to be made whether he would be inclined to secure it by means of a deed of trust on his house, provided he has already paid off part of its purchase price. Br. Henry Rüde promises to pay \$60.00 on his Brietz note at once and thereafter make quarter-yearly payments on it, and hopes thus to pay it off entirely within a year's time. The Col. cherishes some modest doubts about Br. Rüde's ability really to fulfill his promises. It believes that there is no need to bother with it, since the payment of the Brietz note for \$4,000 can be considered quite certain even apart from it—against which this note of Br. Rüde's would have to be credited, in case the Gem. Diac. should have to assume it.

2. With regard to Br. Henry Rüde's indebtedness to the Gem. Diaconie, it could be reported that he had provided written authorization to deduct the amount of \$12.50 a month from the wages to be paid him by the Girls' Boarding School and credit this to the Gem. Diac. The first payment has been made.

3. In the opinion of the engineer of the Plank Road Company, it will be necessary at several places along the main street of the town between the hay scales and the new Shallowford Street either to lower the same or to fill it in and thereafter cover it with planks. Therefore, Br. Fries, who is a director of this company, proposed that an engineer should make an estimate of the costs of this alteration and that the company should then pay this amount to the civic account, whereupon the Vorsteher would have the spots indicated lowered or filled in and covered with crushed stones, as has already been done at various parts of the street. The Col. approves of the idea.

4. On behalf of the Aeltst Confz. it was announced that a pupil in the Girls' Boarding School, Miss Elizabeth Dalrymple from northwest Louisiana, has applied for confirmation, desiring during her stay here to unite with the local congregation. The single girls Maria Griffith and Jane Strub have also applied for confirmation and membership as nonresidents.

5. Edwin Schauss, a single man who has lived as an apprentice here in town for quite a few years but who for some time has proved to be rather feeble-minded, also applies for membership. The Col. does not consider that his mental state should be a reason for refusing his application, and, since we

know him to be a decent young man, we would advise that his wish be complied with.

7. Br. Francis Fries applied for the Col's. permission to locate a brickyard on the 2nd elevation on the other side of the bridge, and this to the right of the road, because the [site] formerly chosen (see the preceding minutes, paragraph 7) is not safe from floods. It would be necessary to dig a well at this spot. The Col. grants his wish.

*March 28.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper and C. Brietz.

1. Regarding paragraph 1 [of the preceding minutes] it could be reported that Br. Fries had spoken to Br. Chs. Brietz and the latter promises faithfully to reinvest all money received for stock in the purchase of bark, hides, etc. Further, he intends soon after Easter to sell at public auction various articles which, however, do not belong to his stock in trade and hopes to be able to pay off in this way the note for \$4,000 and a number of amounts owing to various persons.

2. Br. Wm. Leinbach has sold his house to Br. James Hall, to which the Col. has no objection. In view of the money which he expects to get by this transaction, he now promises to pay off the back interests and \$100 of the capital of the Brietz note so soon as he will have found other living quarters and to give another note for the \$151.85 balance, though without security. However, since the Col. knows that the amount to be gained by the sale of his house will be far too small to cover his debts, it cannot agree to accept such a note from him.

3. In response to an inquiry the Col. states its willingness, should the westernmost factory house, which however stands on land belonging to the Gem. Diac., be sold to a town resident, to lease that person a small piece of land equivalent in size to an ordinary town lot.

4. Br. Fries would like to be permitted to locate a plant for drying lumber far enough to the west of this house (paragraph 3) so that no danger of fire need be feared, to dry the boards for the new boarding school building there.

5. The Col. then had a long discussion about the altercations going on between the Brn. Traug. Leinbach and Aug. Zevely regarding the boundary of their town lots, but was unable to reach a definite decision this evening. It determined that after we had gained information on certain points, the two brethren referred

to should be summoned to appear before the Col. next Friday evening, when the matter should be settled if possible.

6. Br. Charles Brietz wishes to turn over to Br. Thos. Boner about  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre of a field he rents above the tannery, to which the Col. had no objection.

7. There was renewed discussion of the idea proposed under January 16, 1854, paragraph 7, relative to a connection between Salem and the plank road in the neighborhood of Br. Wm. Fries's plantation, past the factory. Since there scarcely is any question about this road being taken over by the company once it is completed and the value of the lumber then being repaid to the Gem. Diac. in plank road stock, and since also the building of this road would enhance the value of the land along it, and since furthermore the felling of the necessary quantity of trees would not at all decrease the value of the Gem. Diac. land when it is finally sold, perhaps after many years, the Col. was unanimously in favor of having the timber for this piece of road felled on Gem. Diac. land.

*April 3.* Absent the Brn. Chs. Cooper and Chs. Brietz.

1. Since no quorum of the Col. had been present on the preceding Friday due to unfavorable weather, this evening had been designated for further consideration of the misunderstandings which exist between the Brn. Zevely and Traug. Leinbach. It was reported that after a number of brn. of the Col. had made a fruitless effort to bring the parties concerned to a mutual understanding, these brethren considered it useless to have them appear before the Col. and, therefore, they had not been summoned to it. Thereupon we took up this matter.

The cause of the misunderstandings between the two brn. lies in the fact that Br. Zevely's lease grants him a 100 foot front in connection with his town lot, while actually it measures only 98 feet. Br. Traug. Leinbach's lot, on the other hand, which also should have only a 100 foot front, measures more than 101 feet; consequently, the former has concluded that Br. Leinbach occupies a part of his, though the latter maintains that the lot had been surveyed for him 30 years ago just as it is today. —Since Br. Zevely in the recent enlargement of his house had used the whole of the front of his lot for it and Br. Leinbach wished at the same time to extend his own (see the minutes of January 16, 1854, paragraph 2), they at first proposed to use the south wall

of Br. Zevely's house jointly, for which Br. Leinbach was willing to pay him \$75.00. However, since Br. Zevely did not wish to allow Br. Leinbach to build to this wall because he feared that as a result his roof would not be watertight, they had quarreled about it. Br. Leinbach had decided to put up a separate gable wall alongside of Br. Zevely's. To this, however, the latter objected because Br. Leinbach thus would take possession of and build upon that part of the lot which is in dispute.

Following further discussion, the Col. unanimously came to the conclusion that it would be of no use, under the circumstances, to determine the boundary between these lots and that an attempt to have those concerned reach an amicable arrangement would probably be the most feasible course. From remarks made by the two brn. in recent days, it appears that such an amicable arrangement might now be possible. The Col. therefore agreed unanimously to propose the following arrangement to them: "Br. Traug. Leinbach is to pay Br. Zevely \$75.00 and in return is given the right by the latter to make use of the south wall of his house and also the privilege of attaching his house to it by means of iron rods. Br. Zevely furthermore is to permit him to build to this wall, and Br. Leinbach promises him to arrange everything in such a way that no water can leak into Br. Zevely's house down this wall. Should any disagreement arise regarding this point, the question 'as to whether Br. Leinbach had waterproofed this part' was to be decided by three men, named in advance in the contract. Should it ever become necessary because of fire or other calamities to rebuild this wall, the costs would have to be borne by both jointly."

Br. Francis Fries undertook to communicate this resolution of the Col. to the two brn. and, if possible, persuade them to accept it.

2. The draft for the 3rd balcony which is to be constructed [in the church] was submitted to the Col. and approved by it. It is to have a width of 10 ft. (in the clear) and space for 4 rows of benches; with a length of 44 ft. it would be able to hold about 100 persons. Further, the lamps which are to be purchased for the church were discussed, and it was decided to order a chandelier with six lamps for the center of the church and also 12 other lamps which are to be attached to the columns beneath the balconies, etc.

*April 24.* Absent the Brn. C. Brietz and C. Cooper.

1. With regard to paragraph 1 [of the preceding minutes] it was reported that the Brn. Leinbach and Zevely have accepted the proposed amicable arrangement and thus an end has been put to the discord which existed.

2. A discussion followed of the idea which has been suggested of the feasibility of putting the pulpit on the narrow end of the church (toward the east), of removing the present sisters' balcony, and of then constructing 2 new balconies along the long sides of the church. However, the Col. considered this to be impracticable because our church is not wide enough for such an arrangement, since even if both balconies were only 10 feet deep a clear space of only about 20 feet would be left between them. The expense would also be considerably increased thereby. The proposal of joining the new balcony with that part of the present brn's. balcony which is south of the organ and of assigning this section also to the school was approved by the Col. In such a case, those singing in the choir would occupy space to the south of the organ and the instrumentalists north of it.

3. It was announced that the subscription towards installing a new furnace, etc., in the church (see the minutes of February 13, 1854, paragraph 4) amounts to \$455.45 and has now been turned over to the Vorsteher.

4. Br. Aug. Zevely applies for the wooded hill located between the field which he leases and the plank road, to maintain open access to this field. The Col. wishes to inspect the site before reaching a decision.

5. Br. Theod. Pfohl wants to take his son Edward into his business as a partner. The Col. has no objection to Br. Theod. Pfohl's carrying on his store under the name of T. C. Pfohl & Son, but under our congregational rules it does not believe it would be justified in sanctioning Edward's entering it as a formal partner, since he is not yet of full age and therefore may not as yet subscribe to our congregational rules.

6. Should it become necessary to tear up the paving which covers the whole of Main Street near the two taverns so as to lower the elevation, the paving will have to be replaced between them and the sidewalks after the planks shall have been laid down, this at the expense of the civic account.

7. An investigation shows that the revised instructions of 1848 had omitted the rule formerly contained in the instructions

for Aufseher Collegia to the effect that a br. whose financial status had been undermined would not be permitted to be a member of the Col. Therefore, such a rule cannot be applied to the case of Br. Charles Brietz. Nevertheless, it was our opinion that this was a good and useful rule and should not have been deleted.

8. The chairman mentioned that shortly before this session of the Col. he had been given a petition signed by a number of brn. who ask for the abolition of the local lease system. This matter will doubtless have to be discussed by the Col. at some future date.

*May 2.* Absent the Brn. Chs. Cooper and Chs. Brietz.

2. Mr. John Morehead, who bought the cotton factory at the public sale on March 21, wishes to start it operating again and to acquire a condensing engine for this purpose. Since, however, this kind of an engine requires considerably more water than the other, he would like either to conduct water from the former tannery pond by means of a suction pump, or pipe it there from above the Shallowford road from the depression to the west of the factory. In the latter case, he would want to construct one or more dams near the spring to collect the water. —The continued operation of the tannery depends on our maintaining this water, but we have no knowledge of how much water the factory would require nor, consequently, of how much would remain for the use of the tannery. Furthermore, in view of Br. Brietz's present circumstances, it is not entirely clear whether the Gem. Diac. might not have to take charge of the tannery again at some future date. Therefore, the Col. considered itself unable to grant the permission requested. —In view of the above difficulties, it should be suggested to Mr. Morehead to take the water from the run which flows through Br. Fr. Fries's lot.

2. The Col. considered itself unable to grant an additional application from the same individual for the rear portion of the 2 building lots located between the factory land and that of Br. Sussdorff's for the purpose of constructing a large reservoir. For Mr. Morehead cannot be the owner of a town lot under the rules in effect until now, and to rent it to him on a yearly basis for an indefinite period would not serve his purpose in this case.

3. Col. deliberated at great length on the question as to what part the Gem. Diac. should take in paying the debts of the cotton factory. However, it came to no conclusion and appointed tomorrow evening for another session to deal with this matter.

*May 22.* Absent the Brn. Chs. Brietz and Chs. Cooper.

1. The Col. turned first to paragraph 3 [of the preceding minutes] and again discussed the cotton factory matter in detail, but again reached no decision about it.

2. Br. Chs. Brietz would like to know whether he would be permitted to continue to carry on his business or whether we intend to execute his deed of trust in favor of the Gem. Diac.

According to his statement, he has paid all of his debts by means of the measures he has taken except for those owing the administration, his sister, and the Gem. Diaconie. Of the last-mentioned, he has paid about \$1,300 on the capital amount of the secured note. Furthermore, since he intends to operate the tannery mainly with the help of his sons and his negro, he thinks he can operate the business more profitably than hitherto. Before it takes up this matter more fully, the Col. wishes to have further knowledge of Br. Brietz's circumstances. We shall therefore request him to inform us regarding his present financial status.

3. Br. Sol. Micke would like to add a 2 story brick laundry to his house. The Col. grants its approval.

*June 19.* All members present.

1. It was announced that Br. Charles Brietz now had formally stated that he no longer considered himself a member of the Col., but that he wished his resignation to be entered in the minutes as effective on January 1, 1854, since which time he had no longer attended the sessions of the Col.

2. Regarding paragraph 2 of the preceding minutes, it could be noted that all capital funds which had been owing to non-stockholders had been paid with the exception of those due to the heirs of the late Em. Schober and to the Sisters' House.

3. A communication from Br. Chs. Brietz was read. In it his statements as recorded in the preceding minutes are repeated in the main, but no reference is made to the exact status of his affairs. However, since there is ground to believe that his situation has really improved as a result of the steps taken by him, his having thus reduced his debts by from \$5,000 to \$6,000, the Col. is willing to let him continue to have the property, provided he will promise in writing that the deed of trust executed in favor of the Gem. Diac. years ago is to retain its priority. This means that he will put the Gem. Diac. in the same place which it occupied before these steps taken by him. (See the minutes of

December 29, 1853, paragraph 1; January 16, 1854, paragraph 1; January 30, 1854, paragraph 1.)

4. The Col. discussed the improvements to the main street of the town, which ought to be undertaken from the square on up to the new Shallowford Street (see the minutes of March 13, 1854, paragraph 3). Agreement was reached to reduce the section from the south end of the Widows' House to Jac. Fulker-son's house to one level by raising and lowering it at the proper places, to do the same from there on to approximately Chrn. Ebert's, then to a 3rd level as may be necessary to improve the elevation near the old pottery. A street profile made by Br. F. Fries shows that to carry out this plan about 3 feet will have to be removed at the highest spots and that the lowest will have to be raised by about the same amount.

*June 29.* Absent the Brn. E. A. Schweinitz and H. Schaffner.

Because the chairman was not present, Br. S. Thos. Pfohl was chosen to preside at this session.

1. The occasion for the present extraordinary session was an application communicated by Mr. Thos. J. Wilson for a piece of land for a cemetery. It had been made by the family of Mr. John Sanders, who fell asleep in Winston this morning.

When Winston was laid out, a lot had originally been reserved for a cemetery. Later, however, it was sold as a speculation by the commissioners appointed by the county court for \$150, and in replacement part of an old and inconveniently located field was purchased for use as a cemetery. Nobody seems to be satisfied with this transaction. After lengthy deliberation, the Col. agreed to sell an acre of land for the sum of \$125, which is offered, at the outer line of the land belonging to the Diakonie. It lies west of the Bethabara road, its north side bordering on Br. Zevely's land, its eastern and western sides running parallel with the streets of Winston, each of the 4 sides having the same length. It is to be sold with the proviso that a clause be inserted in the deed which is to be drawn up stating that this land may never be used or employed under any pretext for any other purposes than for a public cemetery in which every white resident of Forsyth County—criminals excepted—may be buried following compliance with certain conditions to be laid down by the proper authorities. —Since circumstances do not permit any delay in this matter, the Brn. Pfohl and Fries were appointed as a

committee to put these conditions immediately into writing and pass them on to Mr. Wilson. The final execution of this decision, however, will depend on the Aeltst. Confz. approving this sale; due to the absence of three of its members it is unable to meet now.

2. The widow of Augustus Boner of west Tennessee, who was buried in our God's Acre on the 18th of this month, appears to be making preparations to buy a marble grave stone of such dimensions that it would cover the whole grave. The Col. cannot give permission for this, since it would be contrary to the simple custom followed by us up to the present—that of having only a small gravestone—and would destroy the beautiful uniformity prevailing on our God's Acre. Br. Elias Vogler will indicate to her that she will have to conform to our custom.

*July 17. Absent Br. H. Leinbach*

1. With regard to paragraph 3 of the minutes of June 17, it could be reported that Br. Chs. Brietz has affirmed his willingness to enter upon any arrangement which would put an end to the difficulties that exist between him and the Gem. Diac. According to the opinion of Mr. Thos. Wilson, which Br. Fries also supports as trustee, the difficulties could be removed by means of a new deed of trust. Mr. Wilson is to be requested to draw up such a document to be submitted to the Col. and Br. Brietz.

Regarding the sale of an acre of land for cemetery purposes near Winston, it was reported that nothing more had been done in this matter since it appears that many persons have raised objections to its location.

2. The following was reported by the Aeltst. Confz.:

a. The Single Br. Wesley Weisner, who was confirmed here at Easter, was not as then thought a member of the Friedberg congregation, but desires to unite with our local congregation as a nonresident. Since the Col. has received good testimonials regarding him, it has no misgivings about his wish being granted.

b. Similarly Julius Kern, a married man, who had been a member of the Nazareth congregation until the year 1848 and since then has resided in various parts of the country as a music teacher, now applies together with his wife, who belonged to Salem up to the time of her marriage, to unite with our local congregation and live here. This application is also

granted by the Col. The Col. also approves Br. Kern's purchasing the house of Br. Sussdorff.

c. Since Julius Steiner and James Reich several weeks ago have again given way to drink, the question was put to the Col. whether consideration ought not now be given to their total exclusion from the congregation. The Col. expressed the opinion that since both of them have now been conducting themselves again in a very orderly manner and have been hard at work, this might not be quite the right time to take such a step.

d. The attention of the Col. was further drawn by the Aeltst. Confz. to the fact that Wm. Winkler constantly keeps his shop open for sale on Sundays and that some of our young people, too, go there. The Col. considers it would be useless to talk to W. Winkler regarding this, since this kind of a sale has been carried on not only by him, but by his father before him.

3. Br. Eugenius Hartwig has purchased Br. Orren Mitchell's house and the Col. approves of this transaction.

4. Similarly, Br. Allen Spach has purchased at public sale the shop and other improvements which had belonged to the late Br. Tryph. Schauss and the Col. found no reason to object to it either.

5. The agreement which had been made with Mrs. Sara Farrar relating to a small plot of land on which she has permission to build a house for herself (see the minutes of August 29, 1853, paragraph 2) was communicated to the Col. and approved by it.

6. Br. John Chitty applies for the town lot lying back of Henry Vogler's for the purpose of constructing a lathe and a shop on it, and later on a house as well. The Col. believes that this application could be laid on the table for the present.

*Aug. 14. Absent Br. Chs. Cooper*

1. With regard to the matter referred to [in the preceding minutes] in paragraph 5 [6]. Br. John Chitty submitted the suggestion: Could the Gem. Diac. not build a small shop on the lot referred to and then rent it to him with the understanding that if he should ever erect a house on this lot, he would then buy the shop. He is ready now to pay a note of \$74.00 which he owes to the Gem. Diac. In discussing this matter, the Col. con-

ceived the idea of selling him the Stolz house for his purposes. For we do not feel under any obligation to help Henry Stolz maintain possession of it any longer since he does not value his connection with us and furthermore is guilty of bad conduct and consequently does not make the slightest effort to pay his rent and other dues. This suggestion should first of all be made to Br. Chitty.

2. This discussion led us also to consider the situation of Br. Lewis F. Eberhardt, whose house is pledged to the Gem. Diac. for a debt. He, however, quite unconcernedly lets the debt increase and the house deteriorate more and more, and contributes hardly anything to the support of his family. This matter is to be taken up in a later session.

3. Br. George Folz intends to reduce his domestic establishment, to sell his present dwelling, and then provide living quarters for his family at his shop by adding a second story to it. Therefore, he applies to the Col. for that section of the meadow which lies between his lot and the run, so as to be in a position to acquire 2 decent lots. The Col. assures him of this additional land whenever he will actually have sold his house.

4. Regarding the improvements to the streets which are now being carried out, it was resolved that the streets are to be lowered as far as the sidewalks and the gutters then reinforced at public expense. We will investigate whether at the same time the sidewalks could be widened somewhat, at least from the bank to the Widows' House.

*Aug. 28.* All members present.

1. Regarding paragraph 1 [of the preceding minutes] it could be stated that Br. John Chitty was not disinclined to the Col.'s suggestion regarding the Stolz house, though he had not actually expressed a desire to obtain it. Under these circumstances, the Col. considers it best to give H. Stolz notice terminating his lease and to offer the house to Br. Chitty for sale.

2. Regarding Lewis Eberhard it was resolved to inform him that he would be required to furnish a note for the debts against him on the books of the Gem. Diac. and that he must repair his house without delay and specifically provide it with a new roof to safeguard it against further deterioration. Otherwise the deed of trust would be put in force.

3. It was resolved regarding the sidewalks along the west side of the street that since they have a width of 9 feet southward

from the Widows' House they should be given the same width from there on up to the bank. Then, however, trees are not to be planted in front of the houses beyond the gutters. The sidewalk on the east side of the street will be kept to a width that will not interfere with the pipeline which conducts water to the cistern below Wm. Winkler's.

4. Br. Charles Schober applies for an additional 100 feet to the east so as to extend his lot, which has a depth of 200 feet. He asks for this because he intends to build his house away from the street on account of the stables which are located in the front part of the lot and because the nature of the land in that direction is such that no street can ever be made south of Belews Creek Street. The Col. grants this request and decides that 3 additional lots are to be laid out south of Schober's, each with a depth of 300 feet, and that then a 20 foot lane is to be provided for to give access to the fields lying north of the God's Acre.

*Sept. 11.* Absent the Brn. H. Shaffner and E. A. Vogler.

After the minutes of the preceding session had been read and adopted, it was stated that H. Stoltz had been given notice of the termination of his lease and that Lewis Eberhardt had also been spoken to; he had expressed his willingness to meet the requirements of the Col.

1. A debating society which has recently been organized among the young people has applied to the Sons of Temperance for permission to hold its meetings in the temperance hall. However, since this hall was erected with the express condition that it would be used only for the purposes of this society, the society submitted this question to the Col. We considered it necessary to abide by the condition which had orginally been made. However, we are willing to allow the meetings of the debating society to be held in the west room of the school (in the former town hall), provided good order is observed in them [the meetings] and the things contained in the room are not disturbed.

2. To avoid possible difficulties and unpleasantries in future, it was resolved to put in writing at this time the conditions under which the congregational authorities had permitted the erection of the buildings used by the Odd Fellows and Sons of Temperance and also by the museum, and have them signed by the leading officers of these organizations.

*Oct. 5.* Absent the Brn. Cooper, Schaffner, and Vogler, the latter being on a business trip.

The occasion for the present session was the reviewing of the financial accounts for this year.

1. The Gem. Diaconie account showed a surplus of \$140.78, due to the receipt of another payment, this time in the amount of \$300, from the estate of Br. Conrad Kreuser. Except for this extra income the Gem. Diac. would have actually showed a deficit of \$159.22.

2. This time the Single Srs. Diac. account shows a surplus of \$1,784.75 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The Col. suggests allocating it as follows:

For the actual deficit of the Gem. Diaconie	\$ 159.22
For liquidating the deficit in the school account	10.06
For liquidating the balance due on the new fence	
for the square	40.50
For street repairs	500.00
For the Wachovia Sustentation	270.00
For the music of the congregation	25.00
For a musical society	10.00
For the library in the Sisters' House	20.00
For repairs to the Sisters' House	150.00
For the reserve fund the balance of	<u>599.97<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
	<u>\$1,784.75<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>

The donation of \$159.22 puts the Gem. Diac. in a position to add Br. Kreuser's bequest of \$300 to the stock account.

3. This time the civic and church account has a surplus of \$116.90. After deducting the deficit of \$9.52 $\frac{1}{2}$  with which it closed the last year, it could now close with a credit balance of \$107.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

4. The waterworks had an excess expenditure of \$34.46, which reduced its credit balance to \$323.78 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

5. In the lovefeast account too an excess expenditure appears of \$6.03, as a result of which its deficit is increased to \$18.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Oct. 23.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper and Lewis Belo.

1. A document was communicated which contained the conditions under which the organizations listed in paragraph 2 of the minutes of September 11 had been allowed to construct their buildings, and it was altered at some points by the Col.

2. The Aeltst. Confz. submitted the renewed application by Henry Hughes, a married man, for permission to unite with the congregation. It desired to have the Col. express its opinion regarding this person, since the Conf., though unable to cite par-

ticular reasons for such action, could not feel led to accept them. The Col. expressed the opinion that to the best of its knowledge they could not be regarded as persons suited to membership among us.

3. The conduct of the single men Julius Steiner and James Reich, which has often been referred to, was mentioned again, but not discussed at length due to lack of time. Recently at Dr. Fries's they had behaved most unbecomingly.

4. The Single Br. Orestes Kühln would for various reasons like to have a new location for the post office. In this connection he suggests the upper part of the garden of the School for Little Boys. The decision regarding this question was postponed.

5. The nonresident Widowed Sr. Beckel applies for permission to occupy the southwest room in the Widows' House, next to the laundry. The Col. refuses to allow this because there seems no possibility of her making a living in town.

6. The Col. grants the application of the Widowed Sr. Cathar. Schaffner to rent the former room of Sr. Sus. Hagen in the Widows' House.

7. Since the disordered mental condition of the Single Sr. Mary Spach makes it undesirable for her to continue to stay in the Choir House and particularly to sleep in the dormitory, it will be necessary to provide her with other living quarters. The Col. leaves it to the Vorsteher of the Single Srs.' Diac. to act according to his discretion in this.

8. Since the house of Br. Henry Senseman, who fell asleep several days ago, has to be sold under the provisions of a deed of trust, the Col. in response to an inquiry authorizes the trustee to divide the lot into 2 parts on account of its length, should he consider this to be desirable, and to consider the near end a separate lot.

9. A deed of trust which had been prepared in connection with Charles Brietz's debt was thereupon examined and altered in certain respects. By means of this deed of trust the Gem. Diac. regains its former position, and its claims to the buildings and stock of the tannery are permanently safeguarded.

10. The Col. cannot at this time give consideration to the Married Br. William Shore's application to get a lot behind that of Mr. Starbuck, east of Winston, to build a house on it.

11. Br. Francis Fries has purchased Br. Johannes Schaffner's house, and the Col. approves the purchase.

12. Br. Fr. Fries also intends to build a brick dwelling on his father's lot located between Haeusler's and Johs. Schaffner's. The Col. has no objection to this.

*Nov. 6.* Absent the Brn. E. A. Vogler and Lewis Belo.

1. With regard to paragraph 9 [of the preceding minutes] it could be reported that Br. Chs. Brietz has stated he is in agreement with the proposed changes in the deed of trust.

2. The Col. permits the Single Sr. Gertraut Schulz to stay for the time being in the room which her mother, who has now fallen asleep, used to occupy in the Widows' House. She should, however, try to find some other dwelling so soon as possible, since one cannot tell how soon this room may be needed by a widow.

3. Br. John Chitty wishes to have further steps taken regarding the house occupied by Henry Stolz. The Col. appointed the Brn. Pfahl and Cooper as a committee to examine and appraise it.

4. It was further announced that Br. Allen Spach had given notice of his leaving his position in the domestic establishment of the Single Srs.' House and that steps would have to be taken to fill it.

*Nov. 20.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper and H. Leinbach.

1. Dr. Schuman applies for 2 acres of woodland adjoining Wm. Boner's land to the south, to build a house on it for John Hege. The Col. is not inclined to parcel out the Gem. Diac. land in this way and therefore refuses this application.

2. Br. George Folz has entered upon the office of a forester.

3. Br. Wm. Boner has acquired the house of the departed Br. Senseman at his sale and the Col. on its part approves the purchase.

4. Br. Nath. Vogler tentatively applies on behalf of one of his sons for the town lot lying to the north of Br. Abr. Steiner's upper town lot. The Col. grants it to him under the customary condition that he would make preparations for building within a year's time.

5. The Single Br. Edward Leinbach was granted the first lot above the God's Acre avenue under the same conditions.

*Dec. 4.* Absent Br. C. Cooper.

1. The filling of the vacancy left by Br. and Sr. Allen Spach in the domestic establishment of the Single Srs.' Diac. was then

discussed. To the present, 2 persons have applied for this post, namely, Tandy White and Alex. Nading, neither of whom belong to us. The latter in his application makes the condition that he is to receive \$250 in cash annually in addition to free board and lodging such as Br. and Sr. Spach had had. For less than this he could not take the position. Br. and Sr. Spach had been paid only \$200 a year, and it would be preferable to keep them on in their post because Br. Spach especially is well-fitted for it. Therefore, the Col. resolved, without having expressed any specific opinion as to the fitness of the applicants, that an effort should be made by means of an offer of \$250 a year, in addition to free board and lodging as formerly, to enable Br. and Sr. Spach to continue to remain in the domestic establishment of the Single Srs.' Diac.

2. Br. Ernst Vierling applies for an extension of his town lot to the east by 20 feet; this was granted him by the Col. since it can be done without damaging Br. Schaffner's meadow, which lies nearby.

3. Since room is lacking in the God's Acre for graves on the brethren's side, it will have to be extended towards the south as far as necessary to lay out another section of graves. To restore symmetry and to gain room, the one row of cedars (along what has been the south side) will have to be cut down.

4. Sr. Amelia Winkler again applies for the Col.'s permission to install a small gate at the north end of the God's Acre avenue, but the Col. again refused to grant this. (See the minutes of October 10, 1853, paragraph 3.)

*Dec. 18.* Absent the Brn. F. Fries and H. Leinbach.

1. In accordance with paragraph 1 [of the preceding minutes] Br. Allen Spach has been spoken to. He states he is ready to continue in the domestic establishment of the Single Srs.' Diac. if someone could be found to supervise and direct the kitchen department, since his wife is no longer able to be responsible for it. Accordingly, someone suited to service of this kind is to be sought for. The Single Sr. Elisabeth Nissen of Friedland was first suggested as such. Br. Elias Vogler was commissioned to speak to her about it when he has opportunity.

2. The idea was discussed of founding an association, the members of which would annually contribute a set sum for the maintenance and improvement of the God's Acre—also the proposal that a fixed size be set for the grave stones, which no one would be permitted to exceed. It was resolved to present

them to the congregation council which is to be held shortly after New Year.

*Minutes of the Aeltesten Conferenz in Salem For the Year 1854.*

[*Extracts translated.]*

*Jan. 11.*

5. To the Single Br. Massa Warner, who renders useful and faithful service by his playing the organ, we want to give a gift of \$5.00, since he is still an apprentice and so cannot earn very much.

*Jan. 25.*

4. In future a German preaching service is to be held only every third Sunday. Whenever there is an English preaching service, there is to be German litany, and vice versa.

*Feb. 1.*

3. A request was communicated from Br. Peter Ricksecker and likewise the committee in Hoffenthal [Hopedale, Pennsylvania] for a fraternal contribution for their newly built church, but it was decided that for the present further consideration of this should be postponed, since just at this time collections of many kinds are in prospect.

*March 1.*

2. If the Widowed Sr. Zorn should accept the call to the office of Pflegerin of the dear sisters here, extended to her by direction of our dear Lord, the A. Conf. would gladly give their approval and see to it that suitable rooms would be found in the Sisters' House for her and her daughter, who would probably accompany her.

*March 15.*

3. In reference to the Single Sr. Mary Spach, her brothers and sisters are to be spoken to and advised that she will have to be removed from the Choir house and that they should endeavor to care for her until the asylum at Raleigh will be ready.

*March 29.*

4. Since the Single Sr. Lavinia Williams wishes to resign from her office as a head Saaldienerin, Sr. Caroline Schulz will assume it.

*April 5.*

4. The Single Sr. Ernestine Spach has married a non-Moravian without having given prior notification. She offers in excuse her unfamiliarity with the rules and the fact that she had been married by a Methodist minister out of consideration for her husband; nevertheless, she wishes to retain her membership in the congregation. Under the circumstances, her request was granted.

5. If Single Brethren or Older Boys should wish to attend the Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday as witnesses, they are to secure from Br. Bahnsen notes authorizing their admittance.

*April 26.*

5. The A.C. learned with sorrow that E. S., who had been confirmed only this Easter, but had not been present at the Maundy Thursday Communion, according to his own confession had been guilty of sins of the flesh during the past weeks, which make his exclusion from the congregation necessary.

6. The widowed nonresident Br. H. Ladeck is planning to marry a non-Moravian by the name of Nancy Williams, but asks to be allowed to retain his membership in the congregation, which the A.C. grants.

*May 24.*

5. The number of supervisors in the girls' room in the Sisters' House will be reduced to one sister, Marie Petersen, as a result of Sr. Emeline Vogler's moving to another room. The A.C. is of the opinion that one sister can take care of this duty alone for the time being.

*June 14.*

2. Since the nurse in the Sisters' House, Sr. L. Shaub, has resigned from her office, the A.C. agreed, because as is believed no Single Sister can be found who seems suitable to serve in this way, to extend the call to the Widowed Sr. Mary Butner of Bethabara, it being understood that the same terms apply to her as regards salary, etc., as to the former nurse.

*June 21.*

2. It was reported that Sr. Mary Butner had not accepted the call extended to her so that we shall have to look further for a Sisters' House nurse.

6. It was further announced by the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School that on the evening of June 20 the cornerstone

of the old Gemeinhaus had been found at the southeast corner far down in the cellar. The lead capsule, containing an inscription in German and English, which had been placed in it on April 17, 1770, (see the diary of Salem of April 17, 1770) was shown to the A.C. quite intact.

*June 28.*

2. It was announced that Sr. Betty Davis had left the Sisters' House without having given any notice, with the intention of marrying a non-Moravian, that this marriage, however, had fallen through and she is still staying with Br. and Sr. Tr. Chitty.

6. Jeannette Reich, a daughter of Br. John Reich, has separated herself from the congregation by her marriage to a non-Moravian.

*July 19.*

6. A "Fair" is to be held on July 29 in the Odd Fellows Hall for the benefit of the alterations and improvements in the church.

*Aug. 9.*

3. The report of the home going [of Br. J. G. Herman] has already been made to the congregation in a special meeting on the evening of the 7th; it was further decided that, instead of the festival lovefeast on the coming 13th, a lovefeast should be held as a memorial to the late departed, at which it would be desirable to read a memoir.

7. Annette Clewell, by her marriage to Dr. Smith, a non-Moravian, has lost her membership in the congregation.

*Aug. 30.*

5. Betty Davis wishes to move into the Sisters' House again. The A.C. is of the opinion that she may move back, but she will have to consult Sr. Hartvig about the details. Maria Kimmel, a non-Moravian, is willing to take the office of nurse in the Sisters' House. The A.C. can raise no objection, since it seems that nobody else can be found for this service.

9. Br. Robert Schweinitz announced that two of the non-Moravian boarders, sisters who have attended the school for 3 years and whose parents live in Charlotte, N.C., apply for holy baptism. Their mother is a member of the Episcopal church, and both parents have given their approval of this step. Br. Schweinitz testifies that these girls seem to be persons who know and love the Saviour. The A.C. gladly gave its approval of this baptism, and as soon as circumstances permit, this baptismal

act is to take place. Their names are Annie and Virginia Gibbon.

*Sept. 21.*

2. It was announced that Br. Wesley Wiesner and Sr. Selina Fry were married on the 18th of this month and had left the next day for Indiana.

4. On October 1 the Feast of the Angels [Michaelmas] will be celebrated in the usual manner.

6. Julius Steiner and James Reich have again completely succumbed to drink. Dr. Fries's protracted stay in town also seems to create many disorders—therefore, the A.C. desires the Aufs. Coll. to proceed in these unhappy matters according to our rules and regulations.

7. Br. Charles Schober is planning to marry Mary Gilmer, daughter of I. A. Gilmer of Greensboro, on the 26th of this month. He wishes, however, to retain his membership in the congregation. The A.C. expressed the wish that Br. Schober himself and, in time, his wife might become active members of the congregation.

*Nov. 8.*

4. Emeline Reich forfeits her membership in the congregation due to her marriage to a non-Moravian.

5. Br. Robert Schweinitz presented the request of the Single Sr. Elisabeth Dalrymple, who had returned to her home in October, to continue to be considered a member of the Salem congregation.

6. On November 19, the Lord willing, the congregational anniversary and the festival of the [Chief] Elder is to be celebrated in the enlarged and beautified church. Br. Pfohl hopes that he can get everything in proper order by that date. Due to the repair of the church no preparatory address can be delivered. The baptism of the 2 Gibbon sisters, which has long been contemplated, is also to be carried out on the 19th and, by way of exception, immediately before the Holy Communion in the presence of the communicant members and of their room company. The A.C. believes that the solemnity of the act will be heightened in this way, since no other service on the 19th would appear to be suitable for such a baptismal function.

*Dec. 20.*

[1.] a. The Christmas Eve service is to be held entirely in English. Since the ode contains too many stanzas in

German, next year a new one is to be made, and since there is a lack of Christmas stanzas in English, all the odes are to be ordered from Br. Mallalieu from England.

b. In regard to the concluding service it was decided to hold it in German in the little Saal.

3. At the time of the solemn opening of the conferences on January 2, the Srs. Christiana Van Vleck and Louisa Hartvig are to join the circle of conference members and thereafter attend the A.C. whenever they care to do so.

4. Br. Chrn. Hege wishes to have his niece, Mary Ann Hege, considered as belonging to the local congregation.

*Dec. 29.*

4. It was left to the discretion of the brethren who do the preaching to conduct the preaching services in English every Sunday when circumstances may make this advisable, and a German one from time to time of an afternoon.

*Minutes of the Land Arbeiter Conferenz For the Year 1854.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Feb. 2. Absent Br. Schweinitz.*

The reports from the respective congregations were communicated; the following may be quoted from them:

2. On Saturday, December 17, in Friedberg the baptism of the Single Srs. Mary Jenkins and Charity Painter took place and in the afternoon they partook for the first time of the Holy Communion with the congregation. Also on Thursday, December 29, the aged free negro Robert Mitchel was baptized on his sickbed.

*Friedland.* From December 27 to January 2 Br. Siewers visited in the mountains. There the widowed P. R. had to be excluded from the congregation because she cannot disprove the accusation of having too intimate relations with a man who lives in her house.

*March 2.*

3. Br. Grunert inquired whether there would be any objection to his holding a preaching service on a Sunday each month at Crooked Run, since the attendance at the one held there on a weekday is not very encouraging, but on a Sunday it would with-

out doubt be much better. If the Bethania committee agrees to this, the conference would be entirely in favor of it.

4. Br. Hagen gave it as his opinion that there is no objection to the confirmation of the single persons, Washington Shore and Theresa Beckel. For they wish to be confirmed in Salem, and the latter to be considered as belonging to the congregation at this place.

*April. 7.*

2. At *Bethania* on March 12 the funeral was held of the Married Sister Betty Grabs, who for many months had suffered indescribable pain from cancer. One can only rejoice wholeheartedly over her final release.

Br. Siewers visited from March 15 to 28 in *Mt. Bethel*.

3. Br. Hagen submitted to the conference the question as to how he should act in respect to Lucy Longworth, a single woman. She wishes to be baptized and unite with our congregation, but also to marry a young man about whom she has not merely said nothing to her father, but regarding whom it is also to be anticipated that he will scarcely give his consent. Since this person seems to be sincere in regard to her baptism, but her father seems opposed to her marriage because of enmity to the young man's family, the conference was of the opinion that in this case our rule that children must not marry without the permission of the parents should not be applied too strictly. Br. Hagen will try to talk with the father and act according to the circumstances and the way he is led.

*May 4.* Br. Bahnsen [sic] presiding.

Following the devotions, in which we remembered our dear Br. Herman's visitation journey in our intercession, Br. Grunert temporarily assumed the function of recording secretary.

1. The minutes of April were read. In regard to paragraph 5 [3] Br. Hagen stated that nothing had come of the baptism of the person there referred to, since she intends to move to the West in the near future.

4. He [Br. Hagen] presented the names of Deborah White, a married woman, and the married couple Jesse Knauss and his wife Susan, m. n. Tesch, as candidates, the former for holy baptism and the latter for confirmation. The P.H.C. gave its approval, providing the committee has no objections.

5. Since the examination of the girls' school falls on the next meeting day of the conference, it was decided to meet at  $\frac{1}{2}$  10 o'clock on July 6.

*July 6.* All present.

Following the opening devotions

1. Br. Bahnsen announced that the Single Sr. Sally Butner of Bethabara now is a member of Salem.

3. At *Friedberg* on the afternoon of Whitsunday, June 4, the following 5 persons were confirmed: Charles Rothrock, a married man, Jesse and Susan Knauss, and the single women Ida and Barbara Kreuzfusser. Likewise, Deborah White, a married woman, received holy baptism.

On June 12 at *Muddy Creek* the married persons Wiley Miller and Jane Brewer were confirmed, and the negress Melissa Oliver and the married persons Riley Brewer and Caroline Miller were baptized with their 2 little children.

At *Philadelphia* on May 14 Br. and Sr. Siewers took leave of that congregation at a lovefeast, at which also Br. and Sr. Rights were present as the future pastor at that place and his wife. The proceedings on this occasion were especially impressive and many tears were shed.

Subsequently, the Married Br. Martin Rominger, the Married Sr. Mary Transou, and Maria Butner, a single woman, applied for confirmation, and also Timothy Transou, a married man, for readmission to the congregation.

*Sept. 7.* Absent Br. Rights.

Following the opening devotions the chairman announced:

1. That on August 7 the painful tidings had reached us of our dear Br. Herman's home going in Stone County, Missouri, on July 20, and that consequently Br. Thomas Pfohl had become a member of the P.H.C. for the time being, whom we thus were happy to see in our midst today for the first time.

2. That it had pleased the Lord also to end the life of our dear Sr. Sensemann in New Salem, Illinois, and later also that of her little daughter.

4. At *Bethania* the Married Br. Michael Butner and later the Widowed Sr. Elisth. Schor, m. n. Böckel, have been called home by the Lord. Furthermore, these days have been saddened by several other cases of death and, in general, by an unusual degree of ill health in the neighborhood.

At Friedberg the family of the pastor had to suffer much from fever, etc. Therefore, the funeral of the Sr. Elisth. Härtel was conducted by Br. Bahnsen.

5. Br. Bahnsen communicated the information contained in a letter: that Br. Jahn, assistant minister at Sarepta, had been chosen by lot as a member of the U.A.C. in the Department of Pastoral Oversight.

*Nov. 2. Br. Rights absent.*

*Friedberg.* Br. Hagen had preached several times at Cope's schoolhouse in Davie County, and it seems as if an awakening has begun there. About \$200 was subscribed for the building of a Moravian church and several applied to unite with it.

6. Br. Hagen proposed the 3 Brn. Jacob Essig, Riley Brewer, and Wiley Miller as a committee for the little group at Muddy Creek. In this connection we again discussed whether these people should be regarded as a separate congregation or not. The P.H.C. thought that such a committee would be desirable to serve as an advisory body for the Friedberg pastor regarding the people of that place and also have some oversight in church matters, but that they should not have the rights of a committee in a regularly organized rural congregation—something they would hardly expect.

7. The committee in Friedberg has passed the following resolution: Certain members of that congregation hardly ever come to the meetings and also do not contribute to the support of the pastor. They have been frequently admonished, but do not change their ways. Therefore, they are now to be told that if they do not show improvement within 6 months, they will incur exclusion from the congregation.

8. Br. Hagen presented the names of the following as candidates for baptism at Muddy Creek: the married persons James Thompson and Sally Haly, Angelina Brewer, a single woman.

*Diary of the Salem Congregation For the Year 1854.*

[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 1.* We had rather cold weather at the beginning of the week. The ice cellars were well supplied with ice.

*Jan. 8.* Deep snow, 7 inches deep. Sleigh riding was rather good for our section and one heard more sleigh bells than usual. Sleighs could do well on the plank road—but not for long.

*Jan. 22.* At 1 P.M. the baptism of little Sarah Mitchell in the Sälchen, which was crowded.

*Feb. 5.* At 1 P.M. Br. Herman baptized little Eleanora Schweinitz in the Sälchen, which was crowded.

*Feb. 9.* The local girls' school [was moved temporarily] into the Widows' House.

*Feb. 14.* Br. John Schaffner received the blessing [preparatory to his death].

*Feb. 21.* Today Br. Johannes Schaffner fell asleep.

*Feb. 24.* No service this evening, as an entertainment took place in the Saal.

*Feb. 26.* The remnants of the old county bridge floated away today.

*March 21.* Br. Bahnsen baptized Wm. Shore's little daughter. A cold, unpleasant day. Today the so-called old factory was sold to ex-Governor Morehead for \$9,100.

*April 2.* At 1 o'clock Br. Bahnsen baptized the little son of Br. and Sr. Clinard.

*April 6.* No service. Entertainment in the Saal in the evening.

*April 9. Palm Sunday:* At 3 o'clock Br. Bahnsen conducted the service of confirmation.

In the evening [of Maundy Thursday], 238 communicants partook of the Holy Communion, Br. Bahnsen conducting the liturgical service. Among those confirmed there was also a pupil of the local Girls' Boarding School.

*April 17.* In the concluding service, which Br. Bahnsen held, Br. Herman was commended to the Lord for blessing in connection with his visitation journey among the Cherokees.

*April 22.* Today the things belonging to the Town School for Little Boys were moved to the so-called concert hall and the old

pottery, since their schoolhouse will temporarily be given over to the Girls' Boarding School for its use.

*April 27.* Toward evening we had a violent storm which overturned trees and fences and damaged particularly severely the roofs of the stores of Brn. Fries and L. Belo. It also treated the neighborhood in similar fashion.

*May 19.* Today the examination of the local School for Infants took place—to the general satisfaction of those present.

*May 27.* In the afternoon Br. Bahnsen conducted a baptismal service at 1 o'clock and in the evening he held the Gemeinstunde, which however was cut short by the sudden illness of Br. Hartvig.

*June 1 and 2.* The examination of the Girls' Boarding School was very good. Fairly many friends were here. In the church good behaviour, at other times [it had been] ugly. At Br. Zevely's they made merry with dancing on both evenings, from which a number staggered away—and for some of our own young people this matter did not make for blessing.

*June 18.* At 10 o'clock there was the funeral of Augustus Transou Boner, a married man who had formerly been a member of our congregation but had joined the Presbyterians in Tennessee. The number of those assembled was very great, so that not all could find room in the Saal.

*June 21.* Since the examinations, work was begun on tearing down the old Gemein Haus. Yesterday at the southeast corner of the almost dismantled building a lead capsule was found in the cornerstone which contained a document in German, that had also been translated into English. It had been put in the cornerstone May [April] 17, 1770. There exists a copy in the congregational archives.

*June 30.* The Brn. Edmund and Bernhard Schweinitz came here for a visit.

*July 4.* In the morning at 6 o'clock, by request, Br. Bahnsen delivered a short sermon in the English language following prayer, etc., and concluded with the reading of the Declaration of Independence. In the evening there were fireworks on the other side of the bridge over the Wach. The number of people in the evening far surpassed that of those assembled in the morning.

*July 9.* At  $\frac{1}{2}$  6 the funeral was held of the aged Married Sister Dorothea Byhan, who fell peacefully asleep yesterday. Her maiden name was Schneider, and she had been active with her dear husband in manifold ways in the vineyard of the Lord.

*July 11.* John Hege's house burned down.

*July 16.* At 4 o'clock Br. Bahnsen baptized the little daughter of Br. and Sr. Thomas Boner, Mary Francisca, at home because of the prevalent whooping cough.

*July 18.* Today Br. Edmund Schweinitz left again for the North.

*July 20.* This morning a little before 4 o'clock the Married Br. Bernhard Eugen Schweinitz, pastor in Staten Island, passed quite unexpectedly away. He had been here on a visit. His body had to be carried to the God's Acre by 6:30 o'clock, since the heat did not permit keeping it until morning. It is a hard blow for the dear mother of the departed, for his young wife and his brothers, in fact for our whole church in this country. He was the youngest among all the ministers serving in this country.

*July 23.* The venerable William Burge, agent of the Bible Society and a Methodist minister, preached at 10 o'clock on Matth. 7:28, 29. A rather original preacher. He did not finish before  $\frac{1}{2}$  12.

*Aug. 7.* Today we received the shocking news that it had pleased our dear Lord on July 20 at  $\frac{1}{2}$  11 o'clock in the evening in Mr. McCullah's house in Stone County, Missouri, after a brief illness, to consummate as a result of fever the life of Br. Johann Gottlieb Herman, Bishop of the Moravian Church, president of the P.H.C. at this place, pastor of the congregation in Salem. In the evening in a service held for this purpose, which was very well attended, announcement was made to the congregation of this unexpected and painful home going. May the Lord comfort his family in their great and deep affliction.

*Aug. 9.* Today at  $\frac{1}{2}$  7 P.M. the solemn cornerstone laying of the new academy building was held, at which a throng of people was present. Following an anthem by the choir and the singing of a number of stanzas, Br. Rob. Schweinitz delivered a suitable address and placed various items in a capsule which then was sealed and inserted in the cornerstone prior to prayer by Br.

Bahnson. The evening hour contributed to the solemnity of the whole ceremony.

*Aug. 18.* In these days a protracted meeting was held in Winston which was attended by many of our members, especially by the younger ones. It is said to have been pretty disorderly at times. Of course, however, quite a few professions of faith were reported.

*Aug. 20.* At 1 o'clock Br. Bahnson baptized the little boy Carl Michael Siewers.

*Aug. 21.* The sad news reached us that the Married Br. Miles Vogler, missionary among the Cherokees, had fallen peacefully asleep on August 1.

*Aug. 23.* During these days there was a sort of protracted meeting in Philadelphia held by the Brn. Rights and Hagen.

*Aug. 31.* Br. Bahnson baptized the little Girl Emma Louisa Meller.

*Sept. 1.* Today the grievous news reached us via Bethlehem that the Sr. Senseman, m. n. Vogler, had fallen peacefully asleep at N[ew] Salem. No letter had arrived here as yet.

*Sept. 12.* At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Br. Bahnson held the preparatory service for the Widows' Choir Communion service, at which Sister Van Vleck was presented to the Choir as a worker because Sister Herman has given up her office.

*Sept. 16.* In the evening Br. Bahnson conducted the Single Sisters' Communion lovefeast and Choir Communion. After that he was made happy on his birthday by the birth of a healthy little son.

*Sept. 18.* Br. Bahnson married the Single Br. Wesley Weisner and the Single Sister Selma Frey in a private house.

*Oct. 9.* At 1 P.M. Br. Bahnson conducted the funeral of the late Widowed Sister Anna Maria Gambold, who had fallen peacefully asleep.

*Oct. 10.* At a meeting held for the purpose, Br. Emil Schweinitz (Br. Bahnson was not able to leave the house) announced to the congregation the appointment of our dear Br. Levin Theodor Reichel as successor to the late Br. John G. Herman.

*Oct. 15.* The attendance was not very good because a baptism in a nearby dam drew the people away.

*Oct. 22.* At 10 o'clock Br. Bahnsen conducted the funeral of the Widowed Br. Johann Hrch. Sensemann, who had fallen peacefully asleep.

*Oct. 27.* The funeral was held of the Widowed Br. Benjn. Warner. Since neither the Saal nor the little Saal was available, Br. Rob. Schweinitz held a funeral address at the grave. (Br. Bahnsen was away on a short visit to the mountains.) The same was the case on the

28. at the funeral of the Widowed Sr. Rebecca Shober, and likewise the

31. at the funeral of the little girl Anna Mary Elis. Ackermann.

*Nov. 19.* Our Saal having been painted and fitted out with venetian blinds and a new chandelier and lamps and a fine pulpit chair placed on a woolen rug, we were able to meet joyfully and gratefully in it again for the first time today on the occasion of the celebration of the festival of the [Chief] Elder and the congregational anniversary. Br. Bahnsen held all the services. At 9½ [?], morning devotions in German; at ½ 11, the festival address in English. At 12½, the funeral of Br. John C. Blum, who had fallen asleep. At 2 o'clock the festival lovefeast, and at 3½ the Holy Communion, following upon the baptism into the death of Jesus of 2 sisters who are attending the local Boarding School, Annie and Virginia Gibbins. At 7 o'clock, musical Singstunde, and following that the Nach Communion. It was, as we hope, a day not without blessing for the congregation; rather the presence of the Lord became evident among us, especially in the administration of the holy sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion. A number of the pupils were present and with all our hearts we wish that the solemn act may have made a lasting impression on many a youthful spirit. That the minister who officiated felt weary does not have to be recorded. The Lord gave the needed help so that our Saal, which is really fitted out in good taste, had gained new power to attract every member of the congregation and our dear Lord could draw very near again to the heart of every person.

Nov. 25. This morning Br. Aug. Fockel arrived here safely from the Cherokee mission with the Widowed Sister Vogler and her children.

Dec. 1. At 1 o'clock the funeral was held of the Married Br. Evan Boner. Br. Bahnsen spoke in English on Psalm 35:8. It was a sad case.

Dec. 5. The Married Sr. Dorothea Boner went home quite unexpectedly during the night. She was found lifeless on her bed. At 1 P.M. the funeral of the Single Sr. Elisabeth Bewighauser was held, who had fallen peacefully asleep. At it Br. Bahnsen spoke in German on Jer. 24:7.

Dec. 7. At 1 o'clock the funeral of the Married Sr. Maria Dorothea Boner was held, at which Br. Bahnsen spoke in English on Psalm 112:1, the watchword for today. The ice cellars were filled today.

Dec. 16. Today Br. and Sr. Reichel, who had been expected for quite a while, arrived here with their family safely and in good spirits, having had a number of adventures on the way. Among the rest, the stage . . . had broken down about 10 miles from here so that they had had to travel on a farmer's cart. People went out from here to meet them and finally got them here.

Dec. 21. At 1 P.M. the funeral was held of the Married Br. Lewis Eberhard, who had fallen asleep—a hard case, but we leave him in God's hands. Br. Bahnsen spoke in English on this occasion on Luke 9:56, the doctrinal text for the day he died.

Dec. 25. At 1 o'clock Br. Bahnsen baptized a little child of Br. and Sr. Hy. Meinung's.

*Memorabilia of the Salem Congregation For the Year 1854.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

Externally our town continued to be beautified as a result of improvements to the streets and the erection or the enlargement of houses. The plank road was laid through our town this year, but in such a manner that from the taverns in the lower part of

the town up to Br. Phil. Reich's corner our main street was macadamized. From that point on a branch of the plank road runs west, avoiding Winston. [The following sentence has been crossed out in the manuscript] *The lowering of the street in leveling it has resulted either in raising or lowering the side roads and consequently will involve all manner of work before they are restored to their proper condition.* It may, however, be expected even apart from this plank road, which has been completed as far as Bethania and provides better communications for us with Fayetteville, that trade and commerce will be furthered by the railroad which in time is to be brought at least into our vicinity.

In general, weather conditions were somewhat unusual this year. The winter was pretty severe and cold; thus, for example, we entered the new year with almost 4 inches of snow on the ground. On January 8 snow fell, which extended from Boston south as far as Selma, Alabama, and west as far as Chicago. On the 12th we had a pretty severe thunderstorm, with snow still covering the ground. Following a late spring we had exceptionally dry and hot weather. Thus on Easter Sunday, April 16, we had cold and most unpleasant rain mixed with snow, which very considerably affected the attendance at the early service and rendered a service on the God's Acre quite impossible—something which had not happened in years. The trees, which in part were green, began to show a white and cold covering. In consequence of the belated cold weather nearly all of our fruit was frozen. Later on drought and hot weather threatened to destroy our fields with their fruits. Nevertheless, we had cause to thank the Lord that on the whole the harvest proved to be much better than unbelief and anxiety had led us to expect, and as actually was the case in other parts of our country.

As a result of the great drought and heat, illnesses appeared which carried away many people. Cholera and bilious fever demanded a host of victims in many parts of our country; in our immediate vicinity also many persons died, particularly children. Though mumps and whooping cough appeared in our community and especially the latter illness made its appearance in almost every family with children, so that in some homes 5 children or more suffered from it, yet only in one single case did it lead to the consummation of a little child. Moreover, though in isolated instances the members suffered with severe

cases of dysentery, all of them recovered so that in general we cannot be thankful enough for the health which was given us.

During the course of the year a classical music society was formed here to promote an appreciation of good music and also in part to improve our congregational music. It has given pleasure to music lovers by means of a concert in the Saal on the last Thursdays and Fridays [of the month?].

Among a number of other things that passed through town, 1,500 turkeys caused a universal sensation on February 3 while on their way further south.

*Diary of the St. Philips Congregation (or the Negro Parish)  
For the Year 1854.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 8.* We had intended to celebrate the Holy Communion today with our members, but the deep snow prevented this; since only two came, it was postponed.

*Jan. 19.* Wesley Boyer and Catherina Haley were united in marriage.

*March 18.* I visited the people in the paper mill and also at Byerly's and Holland's plantations.

*July 5.* The funeral was held of a little child belonging to Chris. Hege.

*Aug. 4.* The funeral was held of a child at A. Shepperd's.

*Sept. 10.* Since the Married People's festival was celebrated today, no service was held in the negro church.

*Sept. 24.* The funeral address was delivered for the Hege child, which had died on July 4. A large number of negroes had gathered to hear it.

*Oct. 7.* I baptized the little child of Timothy Reich's.

*Oct. 18.* I conducted the funeral in the Mount Bethel Church of a child belonging to Emma Ackerman.

*Nov. 5.* A funeral address was delivered to which, as usual, many negroes had come. Following it, two little children belonging to A. Shepperd were baptized into the death of Jesus.

*Nov. 17.* Today the funeral of our communicant brother, Jake Holland, was held.

*Dec. 3.* The funeral address for our departed brother Jake Holland was delivered. Very many had gathered and all were earnestly admonished to attain their souls' salvation.

*Dec. 31.* At the close of this year the little negro congregation consisted of:

15 communicant members  
4 children and  
2 excluded members

*Minutes of the Salem Congregation Council For the Year 1854.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Feb. 6.* Present 45 brethren.

2. Since particularly at the English services there is at present not room enough in our church, the idea has been discussed in the Auf. Col. and the Aeltst. Confz. that this need should be met by erecting a 3rd balcony, namely on the south side of the church. Both this balcony and the present sisters' balcony would then be connected by a covered passageway with the new boarding school building which is soon to be constructed, and this chiefly for the use of the Girls' Boarding School. The advantage of such an arrangement was so obvious to the congregation council that the construction of a balcony of this kind was resolved upon unanimously, without special discussion. The Gem. Diac. is to be responsible for the costs of the construction, but the Inspector of the school undertook to pay for the connection between this balcony and the boarding school building. Since the whitewashing and painting of the church must be undertaken at the same time as these alterations, it was agreed that the costs of the former should be charged to the civic and church account.

3. A further idea proposed by the congregational authorities was then discussed, the desirability, frequently recognized by many members in the past and especially during this unusually severe winter, of taking steps to heat the church. A proposal to purchase a furnace suitable for this was unanimously adopted. In this connection it was resolved to have the Aufs. Col. prepare an estimate of the costs of this installation and then to have a

subscription list circulate throughout the town towards meeting them. —It was also mentioned in this connection that by rights the expenses of this installation were chargeable to the Gem. Diac., and its upkeep and the cost of heating were a responsibility of the civic and church account.

*Diary of the Bethania Congregation For the Year 1854.*

[*Extracts translated.]*

*Jan. 4.* Distributed watchwords. Began a violin school in the evening.

*Jan. 13.* Butchering day.

*Jan. 14.* Began to clean the yard.

*Jan. 28.* Good weather overhead. We drove in deep mire to Pleasant Valley. Preached on the watchword. Baptized the child of a non-Moravian. Then we drove to Pfafftown, where little Rosina Victoria Pfaff was baptized.

*Feb. 1.* We drove to Salem for the first time on the plank road from the hill on the other side of the Bethabara mill to near Winston.

*Feb. 9.* Visited at Jesse Conrad's, Ths. Schultz's, Peggy Schultz's. Edwins have a baby. He has sold the old place to Mr. Marschall and wants to build a house at old Krause's.

*Feb. 12.* No evening meeting. I was hoarse.

*Feb. 15.* In the afternoon I was at M. Holder's and D. Schauss's, where the children have chicken pox as in other families.

*Feb. 17.* I was busy with Hy. Spach in the yard paving.

*Feb. 18.* Today the fence along Grabs's lane was finally put up by joint effort. Most of the people of the village came. The church garret was also cleaned and the lightning rod really made fast.

*Feb. 21.* On the way to Pfafftown my horse fell with me, but no harm was done.

*Feb. 22.* I was at Hy. Schultz's to get roses.

*Feb. 25.* Because of a school exhibition the preaching service was omitted.

*Feb. 27.* Worked in the yard and planted all manner of things.

*March 3.* On account of a muster and election to be held tomorrow at Pfafftown, the Spanish Grove preaching service had been postponed until today, and a considerable number had gathered. With pleasure I noticed some people who had not come for ever so long. First, Br. Edwin Schultz's baby was baptized, and then the sermon followed on Luke 18:31-34. Afterward I was at Krauses', to whom the Schultz family (Peggy and Edwin) had moved last week.

*March 4.* In Pfafftown today 42 quarts of liquor [literally "42 quart dram"] were drunk.

*March 11.* In the morning Is. Spoenhauer came and brought the news of the peaceful home going of the Married Sr. Polly Grabs. It occurred this morning at about 2 o'clock.

*March 13.* Worked in the garden.

*March 14.* In the afternoon held instruction in Pleasant Valley for the first time, at which 8 girls were present. Rode to Em. Beck's in the evening and there married Pet. Marschall, a single man, and the Single Sr. Julia Schultz.

*March 15.* In the afternoon potatoes were planted.

*March 19.* The first meeting was the baptism of Isabel Jane Shore (Isaac's).

*April 3.* The news reached us of the death of Joel Hauser yesterday with the request that he be buried in our God's Acre.

*April 4.* At one o'clock the funeral was held. Since Mich. Daub was here, I asked him to take an active part, and this worked out very nicely.

*April 17.* Oliver Lehman shot himself through his hand with a pistol.

*April 20.* We returned with Sally Transou and found that in the meantime Br. Herman had passed through the village on his visitation journey to the Indian country, which he began today.

*April 21.* Br. Rob. Schweinitz returned from accompanying Br. H.

*April 22.* We had many kinds of domestic duties, mostly unpleasant ones.

*April 23.* In the afternoon I was at Stauber's and baptized 2 babies, Tom Moser's and Sandy Shor's. The latter belongs to us because of its mother. His name is Alfred Erastus.

*April 24.* Mother Schaffner visited us from Salem. In the evening Br. and Sr. Hagen came on a visit.

*April 25.* Br. and Sr. Hagen visited today in all the houses of the village to their mutual pleasure; and Br. H. preached in the evening on the doctrinal text, at which time nearly all the people of the village and also many negroes were present.

*April 27.* In the afternoon we had an exceptionally violent storm accompanied by hail, rain, lightning, and thunder, which did much damage to our houses and fences, but especially to our fruit trees. The rain was desirable, since the corn had not made any progress.

*May 1.* A heavy frost had done rather serious damage.

*May 6.* Preached at Spanish Grove on the doctrinal text. Previously there had been the baptism of Shelton's child. A quilting in Pfafftown kept several from attendance at church.

*May 10.* On the way home I preached at a Methodist meeting near Maple Springs on John 10:9.

*May 15.* Today the Dan Butners tore down their old kitchen along the street, a former dwelling and one of the relics of the old time.

*May 19.* Toward evening Br. Siewers arrived. He now will move to his little congregation in the mountains to live there.

*May 20.* Baptized at Ge. Krause's the youngest little daughter of the Married Sr. Susan Krause, m. n. Krause, who was on a visit.

*May 29.* While visiting, heard something about the opinion of the local community regarding a so-called Maine Law.

In May the little girl Emma Susanna Krause was baptized.

*June 1.* We drove to Salem in the afternoon to attend a part of the examination of the Girls' School. Heard that Br. and Sr. Oerter of Bethabara have received a call to Jamaica, and was asked to assist in serving this congregation.

*June 8.* There is an amazing amount of sickness in this region. Dysentery and whooping cough are on the increase. Of our members, only Antoinette Conrad's house has been visited so far. There 3 negro children have died and many others are sick. Her little daughter Sally had been brought into the village, but here has now been attacked by dysentery.

*June 12.* Ant. Conrad took her Sally home again.

*June 13.* Drove with our guests to Salem, where they are busy tearing down the old Gemeinhaus to build a large school-house on the spot.

*June 16.* The hay and wheat harvest began this week.

*June 22.* Having received word of the death of a little child of Jos. Schemel's, I rode to Bethabara, visited at Christian Hauser's and Jno. Hein, and then reached Jos. Schemel's. The little child was only 3 months old.

*June 23.* Conducted the funeral at Bethabara at 10 o'clock—not many were present. After dinner I visited at Ths. Spach's, Nat. Pfaff's, Fr. Holder's, and as requested baptized a sick child at Js. Wood's. The whole family is sick. On the way back visited at Fenslers', who have lost 2 children, and at Pet. Pfaff's. Mother Pfaff is still in bed. Fenslers have the most wretched house I have ever seen in this region.

*June 25.* The Sunday School at Pleasant Valley did not materialize because of the lack of children who want to come, and their parents do not send them!!!

*June 26.* In the afternoon at about 4 o'clock held the funeral of a little child of Bill Sailor's at Pfafftown, at which a considerable number were present. When I arrived, the mother lay unconscious; the other 5 children are also sick with whooping cough, dysentery, and worms. Many tears flowed.

*June 28.* Returned home in the morning. The heat increased greatly and continued to mount in the days following until the thermometer registered 106° on the 30th! —No rain, but exceptional weather indeed to harvest the wheat.

During this month a new doctor moved to the village, Williams by name.

*July 7.* Visited at Josh. Spach's, Ths. Spach's, where 2 of the children now are ill also. Then at Nath. Pfaff's, and there began earnestly to press for the reviving of the Spanish Grove Sunday School, especially since the sectarian school newly begun at Mt. Tabor is drawing some of our children also. Then in the afternoon I went to Coltrain's, F. Holder's, Wood's, and Jos. Leinbach's, where I had a conversation of several hours with Joshua. He had formerly been the soul of this school, but had become dissatisfied and had withdrawn. Finally he promised to do his part.

*July 10.* Soaking rain that lasted several hours today put an end to the drought, which had lasted since June 11.

*July 18.* We had a visit from Edwd. Kummer, a teacher in Nazareth.

*July 21.* Drove to the funeral [of Bernhard Schweinitz] in Salem. On my return heard that our Br. M. Butner had reached his blessed consummation at 10 o'clock. The poor family! Also a great loss for our congregation here.

*July 27.* This afternoon we heard details of an accident which happened yesterday not very far away as a result of the bursting of a threshing machine. A certain Bedford is said to be lying horribly mangled at death's door.

*Aug. 6.* The camp meeting at Maple Springs kept many away; sickness in the family, others.

*Aug. 9.* Intended to go to the camp meeting and to Salem for the laying of the cornerstone of the new school building, but felt unwell on the way and turned back.

*Aug. 11.* Drove with Fr. Stolz to Peter Leinbach, who lay in his last throes and was no longer conscious. News of his death came toward evening, while I was visiting sick folk.

*Aug. 14.* Visited the sick people in the village and in the afternoon conducted the funeral of the little child Elisabeth Jane Schaub (Thomas'), who had fallen asleep here yesterday following a severe illness. The sermon was on Genesis 3:19, the last clause. —Not very many attended.

*Aug. 15.* Today at 1 o'clock the funeral was held of the Widowed Sr. Elisth. Schor, m. n. Boeckel, widow Hauser. She had fallen peacefully asleep on Sunday evening as the result of a stroke. She had reached 80 years.

*Aug. 20.* First there was the baptism of Emma Helen Johnson and then a poorly attended German preaching service, on Hebrews 4:11, 12.

*Aug. 23.* Fetched potatoes from Bethabara; spoke with Wm. Hein. The following days this week were incredibly hot.

*Aug. 26.* Baptized Eugene Hilary Right at Pl. Valley and preached on the watchword. Was then at Rights's. Heard after my return that Father Schousse had sent for me, and rode over to him. A man by the name of Ives overtook me and begged me first to go with him to Reed's, where the mother of a little child, who died yesterday, was very sick. I followed him in the darkness, sang and prayed with them, and finally had to stay there. A number of children in the house have whooping cough. Their spells, as well as the talking and singing of those who were watching with the sick child, and the many little animals in my bed did not allow me much thought of sleep.

*Aug. 27.* After my return there was the choir meeting of the Single Brn. and Boys, attended by 15. Then there was the baptism of Emma Pamelia Sophia Kearney.

*Sept. 2.* Baptized a little child of Jonathan Beroth's at Spanish Grove and preached on John 7:37. Only a few were there, partly on account of the muster in Pfafftown.

*Sept. 3.* Held the litany and afterward, since there were only a few present, read a sermon by Hofacker on the epistle for to-day. At Bethabara also there were not many, to whom I spoke on John 6:37. The camp meeting at Mt. Tabor [the original entry "Maple Springs" is corrected in pencil] was the great attraction.

*Sept. 4.* Finally to Th. Conrad's, where Louisa also has dysentery. Found Mother Krause there, very sick. She had come to visit the patient and on the way had suffered such an attack that her companions had been able to bring her to the house only with much trouble. In view of the excessive heat which has prevailed for a week already this is not to be wondered at.

Sept. 15. Had the horse saddled to visit the sick when the news came that Edw. Schulz's child had fallen asleep yesterday evening after convulsions that lasted for several hours. Therefore had to go to Salem to get help for Bethabara tomorrow.

Sept. 16. At 11 o'clock the funeral of the little Rufus Salathiel Schultz was held. The sermon was on Job 1:21. —In the afternoon to Bethabara for the festival of the Married People and Widows of that congregation, Br. Bahnsen having conducted the morning service. I held the lovefeast and Br. B. the Holy Communion.

Sept. 18. The news reached us of the death yesterday evening of Br. and Sr. Jesse Conrad's only little son.

Sept. 19. At 10 there was the funeral of little Chr. Joshua Conrad. His parents and some of his sisters were too ill to attend. The sermon was on Is. 40:6-8.

Sept. 28. In the afternoon the Rev. Mr. Burge, a Methodist preacher, was here; he is traveling through the county as Bible agent.

Sept. 29. In the church a scaffold was built to repair the ceiling.

Oct. 8. After the litany [Mr. Burge] preached to a very large gathering. Then an offering was taken for the Bible cause which amounted to \$11.00. In the afternoon we went together to Bethabara where he preached and \$2.00 were contributed.

Oct. 15. Had once again to make the painful experience of a good number of village people going to the camp meeting at Antioch, several others visiting, while some few were at home but did not come to the service. Of the nonresidents there were four present. Under these circumstances I held the litany and English preaching service with a heavy heart.

Oct. 28. The plank road has now finally reached the village.

Oct. 31. The funeral of Jacob Shousse, who had fallen asleep on Sunday evening, was to be held at 11 o'clock today at the Nazareth church. I rode, therefore, to Patsy Miller's and from there with the corpse to the church. There was a coffin there already (of Dan. Wall's daughter with a stillborn child), and Jos. Daub, who was to hold this funeral, was just beginning the

service. The church was full and very many were standing outside. Following the singing of hymns and prayer, the meeting adjourned and there was a recess for awhile, after which it was continued in the open air. Then the two addresses were delivered one after the other, following which the corpses were buried.

*Nov. 8.* The plank road was finished to Lash's store.

*Nov. 17.* Heard many sorts of unpleasant things in the upper part of the village.

*Nov. 25.* First there was the baptism of our little Louisa Emilie [Grunert].

*Nov. 30.* Thanskiving Day. In the afternoon the marriage was held at Schortown of the Single Br. Alexander A. Grabs to the Single Sr. Jane Werner. Br. Friebele preached at Bethabara.

*Dec. 4 and 5.* Very cold and windy, but a lot of butchering was done.

*Dec. 6.* Invited the musicians to come this evening and they did.

*Dec. 9.* After a pressing lack of firewood, the first for this winter was brought by J. Werner.

*Dec. 22.* Arranged the making of the Putz, etc.

*Dec. 24.* According to the old custom there was no meeting in the Saal in the morning, where the Putz was made.

At Parm. Stolzes' baptized their little son, giving him the name Alexander Thaddeus.

*Dec. 29.* Was at Salem to participate in a concert that was given in the evening in the Saal.

*Dec. 31.* At 5 the concluding meeting was held at Bethabara (lovefeast, memorabilia, and the service marking the end of the year). Unfortunately the organist was ill. At 8 lovefeast was held here, at 10 the memorabilia, and at 1½ 12 the service marking the end of the year. The fine moonlight night had enticed many to come out, but still there was not as large a number as we have sometimes had. This year again there also was singing by the choir, which had not proved possible formerly. It is true, it seems sad enough here in many respects. The attendance at meetings, which on the whole is so pitiful, is without question

an indication of the spiritual condition; the near impossibility of getting confirmands proves the same. And in all probability there is very little praying being done! —The attachment of the nonresident young people to the meetings of the Methodists is likewise a sign that our work is going backward rather than forward. Especially when still other disappointments occur, it is sometimes hard to keep up one's courage and to continue to work in hope of better days.

On the other hand, however, many a cause for gratitude can be found and one has reason to marvel that our cause still goes on as it does. We will gladly ascribe this to our dear Lord, Who still watches over us and no doubt will send us times of refreshing and of external growth again, if we call upon Him earnestly for this.

Make haste, Lord Jesus, with Thine help!

*Minutes of the Committee of the Bethania Congregation  
For the Year 1854.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 15.* The Brn. Jacob Werner and Sol. Pfaff being absent.

2. The pastor announced that the former Single Sr. F. S. had excluded herself from the congregation due to her forced marriage.

3. He announced also that some time ago the negroes of Dan Spiess had made a grave and buried a body without any previous request and really against the will of their master. The brethren of the committee declared that this was of course against all regulations and advised that in future the key was not to be given as had been done in that case when the grave had already been made. Br. E. C. Lehman will still try to get something for that grave plot.

4. Since the lightning rod is not fastened to the church tower properly, Br. Lehman was asked to do this and the other brn. promised the necessary help. At the same time the church garret is to be cleaned up.

5. Between the church and parsonage a fence is necessary. It was thought that the material for this could be delivered by Br. Th. Kapp, and Br. Lehman was asked to order it.

6. The fence along Grabs's lane is about to fall down. The brethren looked at it, and it was decided that together we would fetch the necessary material from the Gemein woods next Saturday.

7. Br. Sal. Transou promised to talk to Jos. Leinbach about his church contributions.

*Feb. 12.* The Brn. Martin Holder and Sol. Pfaff being absent.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and in that connection it was remarked:

a. That next Saturday both the fence on the lane should be put up and also the lightning rod and the church garret should be attended to. Br. Sol. Transou is willing to cut wood for the laths and Br. H. Butner to bring them in. If the weather should be bad we agreed upon the following Monday.

b. It was thought that Jos. Leinbach should give a note for his debt.

2. The Single Sr. Susan Staub has wished very much to be relieved of her frequent service at lovefeast. This led to a discussion about the Saaldiener in general, but no conclusion was really reached.

3. The gate and the fence along the God's Acre road need to be repaired. Following an investigation, it was thought that this also could be attended to next Saturday.

4. The road to the God's Acre is also very bad. It was thought that Ezra Hauser could bring it in order and this be credited to his debt. Br. J. Werner will talk with him.

5. There still is enough of the money collected for repairing the tower, etc., left to paint the privy and have a new door made for it. Br. Lehman will do the former, though taking his time to it; for the latter, R. Oehman was thought of.

6. The accounts for 1853 were read.

*April 23.*

The committee members had a meeting after the preaching service, and the pastor asked whether the committee had any objection to his preaching once a month this summer on Sunday either at Crooked Run or at Sol. Spoenhauer's. As a result, the services here would necessarily be omitted except for the evening service. The committee had no objection to this.

*June 4.*

The pastor announced by authority of the P.H.C. that Br. Oerter, pastor until now of the congregation at Bethabara, had received and accepted a call to mission service in Jamaica and that the local pastor was to take charge of that congregation also in place of him. The committee had no objection provided the local congregation would not lose any of its usual services because of this. Otherwise nothing of importance was decided.

*Meeting of Heads of Households on the  
congregational anniversary, June 11.*

1. The congregational accounts for 1853 were reported. The receipts amounted to \$185.29 and the expenditures were the same. At the end of the year the amounts owed by the congregational account totaled about \$270 and the outstanding debts due to it were about \$250.

2. The election of a new committee was held. The result of the first ballot was:

E. C. Lehman	14 votes	Sol. Pfaff	15
Sol. Transou	13	M. Holder	11
H. H. Butner	10	Jacob Werner	7

The remaining votes had been given to 12 other brn. Consequently the old committee was reelected.

*Sept. 17.* The Brn. Sol. Transou and M. Holder being absent.

Since this was the first meeting of the committee since its reelection, the chief content of the instructions for the committees of rural congregations was read.

Certain disagreeable things that had happened were then discussed, but it seemed wise to wait longer regarding them.

Then the following was taken up:

1. Br. Sol. Pfaff is to ask someone to put the God's Acre road in condition.

2. The bridge on this road is unsafe and needs new sleepers. Br. Jos. Transou will ask Chrn. Grabs to do this.

3. Since a part of the rosette on the church ceiling has fallen down, a scaffold will be required to repair it. Br. Jos. Transou will talk about this also to Chrn. Grabs and have him bring in the 2 tree trunks which would reach from one balcony to the other. The Brn. Butner and Lehman are willing to look after the rest.

4. The rain leaks into the kitchen of the parsonage badly along the chimney. The Brn. Werner and Lehman will try to do something about this.

5. The poor fence around the lower part of the garden was discussed. Since doing something of that kind as a common project usually causes unpleasantness, a subscription was proposed. However, no decision was reached on this occasion.

*Dec. 17.* The Brn. Sol. Transou and Jacob Werner being absent.

On reviewing the minutes of the last meeting, it was unfortunately found that the conditions referred to in them had not changed as yet and all agreed that it was very difficult to do anything about this matter without making the trouble worse.

Regarding the other items it was observed:

1. That conditions relating to the God's Acre road were still the same as before.

2. That Br. Jos. Transou had spoken to Chr. Grabs about bringing in the sleepers and he had promised to do it so soon as he would find time. He has probably forgotten about it and is to be reminded.

3. The church ceiling has been attended to.

4. The kitchen in the parsonage is still in the same condition. Br. Lehman promises again to keep it in mind.

5. The lower fence was discussed. Br. Jos. Transou is going to ask Br. Oehman how much of it he is willing to do. S. Kearney has also offered to do something of the sort in view of the amount his wife owes to the congregation.

Finally the discussion turned to the support of the pastor. At the present high prices of all commodities, it seems almost impossible to get along with \$178 a year even if it all should come in. After many pros and cons a promise was made on the part of the brethren present that they would make an effort to see to it that the pastor at least would not have to buy firewood.

*Diary of the Friedberg, Hope, and Muddy Creek Congregations  
For the Year 1854.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Feb. 23.* A beginning was made today with building a new stable, since the old one is both dilapidated and infested with lice. About 30 brn. worked on it.

*March 3.* Planted potatoes.

*March 5.* Sunday School, and upon request an English preaching service instead of a German one.

*March 9.* Plowed, but got thoroughly tired.

*March 10.* Work continued on the old stable; the timbers were used to make a fence.

*March 19.* A non-Moravian preacher, I. Crouch, preached at Friedberg.

*April 11.* This evening the body was found of Henry Cooper, who drowned some time ago in Muddy Creek.

*April 16. Easter.* Rain. Only a few people were here. The Easter litany was read at 9 o'clock in the Saal and soon afterward the preaching service was held. On account of high water, I did not get to Hope; accordingly, the meetings were omitted there.

*April 17.* Snow.

*April 23.* Sunday School—reward day.

*April 30.* Sunday School, preaching service, and infant baptism—Wm. Johnson's child.

*May 12.* Congregational anniversary. The local pastor held the morning devotions. Immediately afterward the committee election took place. Those elected were Christian Rippel, Benj. Spach, I. G. Spach, H. F. Perril, S. Hege, Chr. Spach, Jesse Mack.

Br. Bahnsen conducted the lovefeast and also the Gemeinstunde, in which the following children were advanced to the older choirs: G. Tesch, Jonath. Rominger, Zach. Fishel, Ephr. Fishel, Timothy Spach, Eliza Reich, Mary Weaver, Theresa Wesner, Susan Fishel, Mary Fishel.

*May 28.* Anniversary of the Forsyth County Sunday School Union. Many present. Because no one else came, the local pastor had to preach.

*June 4.* Deborah White was baptized. Confirmed: Charles Rothrock, Jesse Knauss, Susan Knauss, m. n. Tesch, Ida Kreuzfüsser, Barbara Kreuzfüsser.

*June 6.* Sister Mar. Cath. Fischel went home at the age of 77 years, 9 months, and 3 days, following a stroke.

*June 12.* Preached at Muddy Creek and baptized the following persons:

1. Riley Brewer
2. Caroline Miller
3. Anna Melissa Oliver (black)  
and two little children

Also two people were confirmed: Jane Brewer and Willy Miller.

*June 13.* Conducted the funeral of the little child Jacob Andrew Essig, who had fallen asleep the day before yesterday, aged 2 years, 9 months, and 28 days. He was buried at the Muddy Creek church. The address was held at his parents' house. In the afternoon at Friedberg I conducted the funeral of Philippine Hartman, m. n. Mack. Did not belong to us.

*June 15.* Plowed the corn.

*June 16 and 17.* In the evening there was a temperance meeting at which Br. Rights delivered an address. Rev. Jas. Crouch and the local pastor followed him with brief remarks.

*June 18.* Sermon at Hope. In the afternoon preached in the house of the late Col. Bobby (Robert) Hampton.

*June 19.* We harvested wheat. We have now had the whooping cough in the house for some weeks.

*June 25.* Preaching service at Pleasant Fork and prayer meeting near Flat Rock.

*June 29.* Baptized the little child of the former sister, J. S. She has excluded herself from the congregation because of her sins of the flesh.

*July 1.* At Olivet conducted the funeral of the wife of Michl. Evans, who died yesterday at the age of about 39 years and 3 months.

*July 6.* Rode home late, since from Salem I had seen fire in the neighborhood of Friedberg, and found that the (upper) barn of George Spach had been destroyed by fire together with some cattle and hay and grain as a result of its being struck with lightning.

*July 24.* Sr. Hagen, who had got rid of fever last week, has it again. I myself am better, but weak. Little Miriam and our boy John have it too.

*July 27.* Funeral of Sister Sophia Elisabeth Haertel, m. n. Gambold, who died on the 24th at the age of 66 years, 4 months, and 7 days. Br. Bahnsen from Salem conducted the funeral.

*Aug. 29.* Preached at the Olivet camp meeting.

*Aug. 31.* The venerable Mr. Burge, agent of the Bible Society, preached both at 11 o'clock and in the evening.

*Sept. 10.* Preached at Colonel Robert Hampton's. It was his funeral sermon, he having already been dead for some months.

*Sept. 16.* Went to Cope's Schoolhouse in Davie County and preached in the morning at 11 and in the evening. Br. Willian Thornton accompanied me.

*Oct. 5.* Together with Br. Reuz and the Brn. Mack and Thornton, conducted a meeting at Cope's Schoolhouse.

*Oct. 16.* Sermon (funeral) at Shady Grove on the other side of the Yadkin in Davie County.

*Oct. 20.* Visited at D. Spach's, whose son Adam (16 years old) had fallen from a horse with serious internal injuries. He is critically ill. In the evening a meeting at Cope's in Davie County.

*Oct. 21.* Again preaching service at Cope's. Two people applied to join our church. Preparations were made by the people today to build a meetinghouse for the brethren. The people seem very zealous in this. Young Spach is said to be better this evening.

*Oct. 30.* I entered upon my 40th year today.

*Nov. 1.* Was in Salem and received from the hand of the Lord \* [by means of the lot] a call to York in Pennsylvania.

*Nov. 2.* Baptized Augustus Meyers on his deathbed. Yesterday he still was without hope. Today, however, he could obtain faith in the forgiveness of his sins.

*Nov. 5.* Funeral of Augustus Asbury Meyers, who died the day before yesterday at an age of 28 years and 2 months, less

one day. Br. Bahnsen announced that Br. and Sr. Hagen had been called away from this congregation and that Br. and Sr. Lewis Rights had been appointed to be future workers in it.

*Nov. 6.* At Hope conducted the funeral of the Widowed Sr. Jane Thornton, widow Slater, m. n. Wardlow, who had fallen peacefully asleep on the 4th of this month. Her age was 84 years, 10 months, and 4 days.

*Nov. 12.* Took leave of the Sunday School here with singing, an address, and prayer. Then followed the interment of our late Widowed Sr. Elisabeth Walk (who had gone home on the 10th, at the age of 70 years, 10 months, and 24 days).

*Nov. 15.* The funeral of Johanna Elisabeth Opitz, m. n. Schneider (daughter of the former minister Martin Schneider), who fell asleep on the 13th at an age of 67 years, 1 month, and 4 days.

*Nov. 16.* Our ministry in the congregation at Friedberg concluded with a lovefeast conducted by Br. Bahnsen.

[The remainder of the diary is in English.]

[During 1855, in far-off Africa, David Livingstone discovered the mighty Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River. Alexander II began his rule as Tzar of Russia, a reign to be marked by progress in many respects. Paris held an international exposition. Sir Joseph Whitworth and W. G. Armstrong applied the principle of rifling to artillery.

William Walker, the notorious filibuster, landed in Nicaragua, ostensibly in response to an invitation from a faction of the Liberal Party in that republic, and, following upon a short campaign, assumed the powers of the presidency of that country.

The Congress of the United States acted to assure the right of citizenship to such children of citizens as are born outside of the United States. It granted the right of way for a telegraph line from the Mississippi to the Pacific. It also appropriated \$30,000 to finance the importation of camels and dromedaries into Texas with the intention of employing them in military operations.

The legislature of North Carolina voted to authorize the state to acquire a million dollars worth of preferred stock in the North Carolina Railroad, and before the year's end its roadbed had been extended to Greensboro. Furthermore, the legislature adopted a Revised Code of penal laws, which in some measure modified the harshest provisions of earlier legislation.]

*Minutes of the Wachovia Provinzial Helper Conferenz in Salem  
For the Year 1855.*

*[Extracts translated.]*

*Jan. 8.*

4. The P.H.C. was of the opinion that if one or the other of our missionaries among the Cherokees should offer on his own initiative to assist Br. A. Fogle to remove the remains of the late Br. Herman from the spot where they are resting at present, we should approve such an offer. The P.H.C. was further of the opinion that should Br. Mock wish to send his daughter to Salem for her education, as seems to be the case, he has our permission to send her in Br. Fogle's charge.

*Feb. 5.*

2. A letter from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated January 7, was received on the 29th of that month. Among the items

touched upon in it, we had the following comments to make as regards the Cherokee mission. —According to all that we have been able to learn about the state of affairs in the Cherokee mission, it seems most desirable in our view to alter the whole method of carrying on that work. In our opinion, an entirely disproportionate amount of money and effort are expended without corresponding results. Therefore, the P.H.C. has conceived the idea that it might be most desirable to appoint only one married missionary for the whole mission, who, however, would have to be a brother endued with the needed qualifications and who would have to enjoy at least a certain degree of culture. Such a missionary could live at Springplace, for example, and serve the whole mission from there. He should, however, not be burdened at all with the management of temporal matters; these should be committed to another married brother in capacity of manager. The latter person, though in mission service and being under the missionary, would not himself be considered a missionary. The P.H.C. would like to hear the opinion of the U.A.C. regarding this idea. In this connection it must be added that we do not consider any of the brethren who are in service in this mission at the present time as fully qualified for such an appointment. The difficult question would, therefore, arise where a suitable brother could be found and what should be done with these brethren, since no thought could well be given to their receiving any appointment in our midst or in the North.

3. It was announced that on the past Sunday the congregation at New Philadelphia had elected the brethren Fr. Burkhardt as steward and Thos. Spaugh, Timothy Transou, and James Norman as members of their committee. The P.H.C. ratified this election.

*March 1.*

3. A letter from Br. M. Hauser was at hand, dated January 25 and received February 20, and also one from Br. Senseman, dated February 7 and received on the 26th. Both brethren are of the opinion that it would be useful and desirable to hold a provincial synod in Wachovia during the course of the summer. In view of the long and difficult journey, however, it is still quite uncertain whether Br. Senseman or Hauser would attend such a synod.

In this connection the P.H.C. discussed the plan which had been proposed 2 years ago (see the minutes of October 10, 1853)

of transferring the congregation at New Salem and the home missionary activity in Illinois to the administration of the authorities of the northern district. The experiences made during the past year have confirmed the P.H.C. in their view regarding the advisability, yes the necessity, of such a measure. Since the Pennsylvania P.H.C. 2 years ago wished to have the negotiations on this subject postponed until the provincial synod, it would now be the right time to take them up again. Br. Reichel was commissioned to write to Bethlehem regarding this, repeating the conditions under which the brethren Senseman and Hauser had stated that they would be in agreement with such a transfer. (The minutes of October 10, 1853.)

4. A letter from Br. G. Bishop, dated January 9 and received on February 21, reports that the erection of a new house at Mt. Zion had not been begun and would now be put off entirely; also that the mission house at Canaan does not need any real repair. Br. Bishop writes further that some brethren from Ohio had settled in Arkansas, near the border, and ask for occasional visits. The mission conference is also eagerly awaiting further word from us. —A letter from Br. E. J. Mock, dated January 31 and received on February 21, contained a report from Canaan and also a proposal to move from Canaan to Grand River, 40 miles away, from which place he had received an invitation to do so. The P.H.C. cannot at all consent to this proposal until we have heard more about it from the mission conference. Br. Mock also requests permission to bring his 9-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter to Salem to be educated. If these children can come with Br. Fogle, the P.H.C. would have no objection; but should this not be the case, we cannot give our consent at this time to Br. Mock's bringing them hither himself.

5. Since at present Friedland and New Philadelphia have to be served entirely from Salem, the P.H.C. considered it equitable to allocate \$50.00 a year for the present from the Wa. Sust. Diac. to Br. Bahnsen in compensation for the use of his wagon and horse. This is to be effective from January 1, 1855.

6. The P.H.C. again discussed the advisability of having a provincial synod for Wachovia meet during the course of this year. Following a consideration of the arguments, it decided to hold such a gathering and set Tuesday, June 5, as its opening day. Since it seems desirable to us to have a fraternal delegate from Wachovia attend the Pennsylvania provincial synod, but

there is no possibility of our provincial synod initiating this, the P.H.C. resolved to send a brother from its own membership, if the Pennsylvania P.A.C. would agree to this.

*March 23.*

2. Today a letter was received from Br. Jacobson, dated March 16, which contained the following reply to our inquiry regarding our sending a fraternal delegate to the Pennsylvania provincial synod. The Bethlehem P.A.C. does not believe it has any authority to send an *invitation* of this kind to us. The P.H.C., however, adhered to the opinion which it had expressed regarding the desirability of having such a fraternal delegate attend it and resolved to send a brother even without his having been invited. It is likely that the provincial synod itself would, as is customary, invite him to become an advisory member. Our main purpose in sending such a representative—since we are unable to have our delegate convey any memorials—would be to obtain early, detailed, and reliable information about the transactions at Bethlehem for the benefit of our provincial synod which is to be held in June. Br. Bahnsen was appointed as our delegate. It was also resolved that, should any brethren from our district come into consideration in the election of a new P.A.C., our P.H.C. waives its right in advance to require that its consent should first be obtained.

3. The Pennsylvania P.A.C. is of the opinion that the negotiations concerning the transfer of West Salem and of the home mission in Illinois to the northern authorities should continue to be postponed until after the synod.

4. The Pennsylvania P.A.C. is not able to suggest anyone to us for appointment in New Philadelphia and Friedland.

*April 16.*

Br. Lewis Rights has requested the P.H.C. in writing to make him a grant of \$50.00 because he is unable to manage without it. Since the salary of our rural ministers is very inadequate at all times and in the present hard times does not at all suffice for their needs, the P.H.C. granted Br. Lewis Rights \$50.00 from the Sustent. Diaconie.

3. The P.H.C. was led again to give serious consideration to the question whether it really would be desirable to hold a provincial synod in June. The A.C. at Salem, the rural ministers in Wachovia, and the congregations themselves seem to consider

the convening of a synod in which there really would not be any special items for discussion to be altogether superfluous. Since in view of the low state of our Sustent. Diac. we also must duly consider the costs which such a synod would occasion should delegates come from Illinois, the P.H.C. was moved to postpone indefinitely the convening of a provincial synod and to resolve to be guided entirely by circumstances in this.

4. Br. Bahnsen was commissioned during his coming visit to Pennsylvania to enter upon negotiations with the northern authorities regarding the transfer of the congregation at West Salem and the home missionary activity in Illinois, and to carry this desirable matter to accomplishment if possible.

*June 4.*

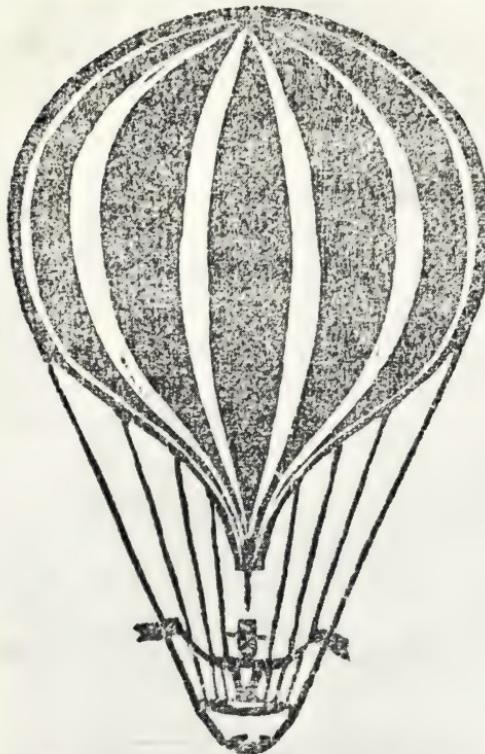
2. Br. Bahnsen, having returned from his journey on May 31, reported that the northern P.A.C. is willing to take over West Salem and the home missionary activity in Illinois under the conditions we had made. The P.H.C. was glad that this matter had finally been brought to accomplishment. It resolved further to offer the lot in Olney, which had been purchased by the Wa. Sust. Diac. for \$100, to the Pa. Sust. Diac. for the same price. Br. Bahnsen enlarged by word of mouth upon his former written report of the transactions of the Pennsylvania provincial synod.

3. Sr. Hartvig wishes to resign her office as Pflegerin of the Single Sisters after the Girls' Festival. Today we were as yet unable to consider how we should fill this post.

4. Two letters were at hand from our correspondent on the U.A.C., one dated March 25 and received on April 21, the other dated April 22 and received on May 14. One letter, written during February of this year, seems to have been lost. The U.A.C. approves the plan which we had proposed for innovations in the Cherokee mission, but it has no one to propose who could serve as the sole missionary. Nor is it able to promise to employ elsewhere the present missionaries who are stationed there, with the possible exception of Samuel Warner. Since the P.H.C. has no prospect of finding a qualified brother or of transferring or otherwise employing the missionaries, it is compelled to postpone the carrying out of the plan for the time being.

6. A letter from Br. Mock (dated April 18 and received May 7) contains the information that he now is sending his children to one of the public schools, having received an invitation to do so.

# Balloon Ascension!



PROVIDENCE and the weather permitting  
Prof. GEO. ELLIOTT will make his 113th  
**GRAND ASCENSION, ON THURSDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 15th 1855,**  
**AT SALEM, N. C., A 2 OCLOCK.**

The gates will be open at 12 o'clock, when the interesting process of inflation will be commenced during which time a number of pilot Balloons will be sent off to amuse the spectators. A number of Ladies will be let up some hundreds of feet, detained by a cord for sometime, to give them some idea how an Aeronaut feels while floating through the azure fields of Elysian splendor in the regions above. At 2 o'clock the Aeronaut will take his station in his Gondola, and be launched on the vast ocean of space.

Tickets 50 cents, Children and servants 25, to be had at the Hotels, and the Gate of enclosure, on the day of ascension. J. R. BROWN, Agent.



7. With regard to filling the vacancies at Friedland and Philadelphia, Br. Reichel was commissioned, during his contemplated visit to Mt. Bethel, to sound out Br. Jacob Siewers regarding his being called to Friedland; for under the circumstances the P.H.C. does not think it to be advisable to issue such a call without prior consultation with Br. Siewers.

*June 20.*

2. Br. Reichel reported that he had not spoken to Br. Siewers himself about a call to another congregation, but that in his own opinion such a move would not be desirable at present because of the unfinished organization at Mt. Bethel.

3. There were letters on hand from Br. G. Bishop and Al. Welfare, dated May 22 and received June 12. In his letter Br. Welfare requests to be relieved of his duties as a missionary on account of his poor health. He applies for permission to return to Salem at mission expense and then to provide for his own needs here, as far as possible. Br. Bishop writes that no objection could be raised by the mission conference regarding Br. Welfare's desire because the state of his health did not allow him to attend to such matters as he was responsible for. Br. Bishop also recommends that if the P.H.C. were inclined to provide a successor to Br. Welfare, it should send an unordained brother who would be active as a farmer, and suggests Br. Oehler, who is living in Arkansas at present. The P.H.C. could not take any other course than to grant Br. and Sr. Welfare permission to return to Salem at the expense of the mission. It resolved, however, to let Br. Welfare's place remain unfilled for the present.

*July 19.*

2. In a letter, dated July 11, Br. Martin Hauser asks whether our P.H.C. would be willing at this time, when the home missionary activity in Illinois is to be transferred, to reimburse him for his outlays during the past 6 months for the schooling of his 2 youngest children. Since we had formerly given Br. Hauser assurances of aid in connection with the education of his children, the P.H.C. was quite ready to grant his request.

3. A letter was at hand from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated July 11. Since we had learned, though we have as yet received no official notification of it, that there are plans to call a general synod so soon as possible, the P.H.C. was of the opinion that the Wachovia provincial synod should continue to be post-

poned until the time of the preparatory provincial synod which would precede that synod.

4. To fill at least to some extent the office of a Pflegerinn of the Single Sisters, now vacant due to Sr. Hartvig's having resigned from her office, the P.H.C. agreed to issue a call to Sr. Maria Petersen to become the superintendent of the Sisters' House. She is to get the salary formerly received by the Pflegerinn and is to have responsibility for the spiritual needs of the sisters also; in other words, she is for the present to be the Sisters' Pflegerinn in all but name.

*Aug. 29.* Br. Robt. Schweinitz being present.

The purpose of our meeting today was that of giving the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School an opportunity to submit the accounts of the institution from June 1, 1854, to May 31, 1855. This year the excess of income amounts to \$9,881.34 $\frac{1}{4}$ . This surplus was allocated as follows:

1. To the Wachau. Sustent. Diac.	\$1,500.00
2. For the furniture account	1,200.00
3. For the account for beds	400.00
4. For the repair account	200.00
5. For the building account	6,581.34 $\frac{1}{4}$
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Br. Robert Schweinitz reported further that the school's new building, in its present state of completion, has been almost completely paid for. The P.H.C. approved, effective January 1, 1856, an increase in the rates which the Inspector proposed, namely: board and tuition from \$30.00 to \$35.00 per quarter, "music on piano" from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per quarter, and French from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per quarter.

*Aug. 30.*

2. Br. Edward J. Mack, in a letter dated July 6 and received July 24, applies for permission to send his 2 oldest children, a daughter and a son, to Salem in charge of Br. and Sr. Welfare for their further education. The P.H.C. granted his request.

3. Two letters were on hand from our correspondent on the U.A.C., one dated July 2 and received the 24th, and the other, July 16 and received August 7. The former contained a circular letter from the U.A.C. which reported that in compliance with a request from the Pennsylvania provincial synod which met this

year, a general synod of the Moravian church had been convened for the year 1857. In the 2nd, Br. Kluge raises the question whether our P.H.C. could maintain a clear conscience in view of its having fixed the sum of \$200 as an adequate pension for all 5 of the Widowed Sr. Sophia Vogler's children. In reply, it should be mentioned that Sr. Vogler had been told at the time this amount was determined on that if she were unable to manage with it, she should let us hear from her. Furthermore, she was told again recently that if by the end of the year she should discover that the pension paid her were insufficient, the necessary assistance would be granted her. Since the P.H.C. has no reason at all to believe that Sr. Vogler will not act in accordance with this, the P.H.C. thinks its conscience can be *quite* clear. The reasons for Mary Vogler's being taken out of the Girls' Boarding School and put in her mother's care were in part to lessen the burden resting on the Missions Diac., but in part also to enable Mary to assist her mother in the home work and with the younger children.

4. An additional grant of \$25.00 a year, effective January 1, 1855, was made for the use of Br. Bahnson's horse, wagon, and harness in the work for which the Sustentation is responsible.

5. In an interview with Br. Reichel, Br. Grunert at Bethania has stated that he would like another call since the continuing poor attendance at church and the lack of life in his congregation after more than 4 years of experience seem to him to indicate that a change would be desirable. The P.H.C. sympathized with Br. Grunert in his discouraging experiences and discussed at length the state of affairs at Bethania and in other rural congregations. No decisions were reached, however, and it was resolved to continue the discussion of this subject on Wednesday, September 5.

6. Sr. Maria Petersen has accepted the call which she had received (see the minutes of July 19, 1855).

*Sept. 5.*

2. Since Br. Lewis Rights wishes to send his son to school in Salem during the winter, the P.H.C. approved the latter's lodging in town at the expense of the Sustent. Diac., as reasonably as possible.

4. The P.H.C. then continued its discussion regarding changes in the manning of the rural congregations, particularly with

reference to Br. Grunert (see the minutes of August 30). Should Br. Grunert actually desire a change, which doesn't really seem to be the case, the only feasible solution would be to call him to serve the congregations of Friedland, New Philadelphia, and Hope, while residing at Friedland. It would, however, be difficult to say how Br. Grunert's place at Bethania could be filled, unless perhaps Br. Ambrose Rondthaler at York could be entrusted with this congregation. Should this arrangement be successful, then all of the rural congregations would again be provided with pastors of their own. But difficulties might arise in carrying it out. First of all, Br. Reichel will have another interview with Br. Grunert.

*Oct. 22.*

2. Br. Reichel reported that Br. Grunert does not wish to leave Bethania. Thus the whole arrangement referred to in the minutes of September 5 has to be dropped.

4. A letter from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated September 9, was received on October 4. Among other items it states that Br. and Sr. J. Chapman Cook, who are leaving mission service, will probably for reasons of health make Salem their future home. If Br. and Sr. Cook should really come to Salem, they would meet with considerable embarrassment, due to the almost complete impossibility of getting any kind of a dwelling in town.

5. Br. Adam Haman, who partially at his own expense has kept his son Theophilus at Nazareth Hall for a year, now applies for us to have him continue his education there entirely at Sustentation expense. The P.H.C. thought that if the boy would obtain a good report from the Inspector of the Hall and had the inclination and the gifts for study, we should have our Sustent. Diaconie become wholly responsible for him, so as to prepare him for [college] study; otherwise, however, we can do no more for him.

*Dec. 4.*

3. Since the report regarding Theophilus Haman received from the Inspector at Nazareth Hall is unsatisfactory, the P.H.C. resolved, prior to reaching a final decision in this matter, to ask for a more detailed and complete report from the Inspector.

4. Br. Saml. Thomas Pfohl wishes to resign from his office as Vorsteher of the Sisters' House. The P.H.C. discussed this difficult matter at length, but could not reach any solution today.

5. In regard to the manning of Friedland, it was resolved that since there really are no prospects at present of securing a brother from the North, we should wait until we know what the outcome will be with Br. Chapman Cook.

6. Since blessing has rested on Sr. Marie Petersen's activity among the sisters, it was resolved to have this sister installed at the beginning of the new year as the actual Pflegerinn of the Choir.

7. Br. and Sr. Alanson E. Welfare arrived safely in Salem on November 15 from the Cherokee mission and brought Johanna Mack, the daughter of Br. and Sr. E. J. Mack, with them. She has entered the Girls' Boarding School for her further education. At the first convenient opportunity, the P.H.C. is to have an interview with Br. Welfare regarding the mission.

*Minutes of the Aufseher Collegium in Salem For the Year 1855.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 15.*

Following the election by majority vote in 2 congregation council meetings, namely on the 2nd and the 9th of this month, of the Brn. Henry Leinbach, Elias Vogler, Charles Cooper, Francis Fries, Theodore Kühln, Lewis Belo, and William Petersen as members of the Aufs. Col., the Aeltst. Confz. met with them (with the exception of Br. Francis Fries, who could not be present due to his being indisposed). After devotions had been held, consisting of hymns, an address, and prayer, and after the instructions for the Aufs. Col. had been read, the Col. was organized by the election of Br. Emil A. Schweinitz as chairman and Br. S. Thos. Pfohl as recording secretary.

3. In regard to the Sisters' House it was reported that Sr. Elis. Nissen had been interviewed but is unwilling to accept the post in question. Thus this matter remains open for further discussion.

4. Br. Elias Vogler has bought the house of Francis Schober, and Br. Jacob Fulkerson that of Br. Benjamin Warner, and to this the Col. had no objection. Similarly, Br. Theod. Kühln has rented the house and lot of the late Widowed Sr. Rebecca Schober for one year and wishes to let Mr. Const. L. Banner and family live in the house for 9 months. To this also the Col. gave its aproval, since we are thoroughly acquainted with this family.

5. The Single Br. Julius Micke would like to establish himself here in Salem in the tinsmith's trade. He wishes to rent a workshop for this purpose so soon as he finds a convenient location. The Col. granted the permission requested.

6. The brethren who had been appointed in accordance with the minutes of November 6, 1854, paragraph 4, have inspected the Stoltz house and appraised it at \$100. The Col. is prepared to let Br. Chitty have it at this price, but is of the opinion that it would be more advantageous for him if his wife were to be the owner of it and not he, since in the former case it could soon be taken away from him by his creditors. This suggestion will be made to him.

7. The suggestion was tentatively made of having the Gem. Diac. now take over the house of the recently deceased Br. Lewis F. Eberhardt in payment of his debt and rent it to his family. For various reasons, however, no decision could be reached.

8. Br. Wm. Petersen applies for that part of the Widows' House lots situated between his father's lot and that of Sr. Elisab. Rights, in the same depth as that of his father. It is his intention to divide this lot and that of his father, after the latter's death, between himself and his brother Edward. The Col. reached no decision regarding this today.

9. Br. Charles Hauser applies for the last building lot on the right side of Main Street, bordering on Winston. This is granted by the Col. under the usual conditions.

10. Br. Charles Schober applies for another addition of 100 feet in length to his town lot (or a total length of 400 feet). He wishes to include a certain area in it which he would like to use as a garden. The Col. had decided that the lots on the former musterground were to have a depth of 300 feet, because owing to the valley behind them no more lots can be laid out to the east of them. The Col. persists in its decision that those lots shall have a depth of 300 feet and, therefore, Br. Schober's request is denied.

*Jan. 29.* All present.

1. Br. John Chitty is willing to pay the price of \$100 asked for the Stolz house. He states, however, that from the beginning he had intended to issue his note in payment to the Gem. Diac. The Col. agrees to have this done and to accept a deed of trust covering the house.

2. In this connection the school committee notified the Aufs. Col. that they believe there are prospects of securing a teacher, a married one, for the Town School for Little Boys. The dwelling which Br. John Chitty has rented until now has been thought of as one which would suit the teacher and his family, at least so long as the school remains in its present location. The Col. is prepared to do what it can to have this dwelling used for this purpose. As a first step, it commissioned the Brn. Fries and Lewis Belo to talk to Br. Chitty about this.

3. The Single Br. Julius Micke applies to rent the southern part of the former pottery so as to establish himself in his trade there. Since according to the statement of the school committee these quarters will no longer be used for school purposes, the Col. rents them to Br. Micke for \$30.00 a year. He will, however, have to arrange matters so that the school will be disturbed as little as possible.

5. The Single Br. Joseph Hall applies for a town lot situated on the musterground. Since, however, this brother is not yet of age, the Col. cannot accede to his request for the present.

6. Br. James Hall would like to raze the corner house, formerly Wm. Leinbach's, this coming summer and in its place erect a two-story brick building, 40 feet long and 28 feet deep. The Col. agreed to this.

7. In order to accelerate the construction of the new building for the Girls' School, Br. Francis Fries would like to set up in the vicinity of the town a steam sawmill equipped with other woodworking machinery. It would, however, be far enough away from buildings so that in case of fire there would be no danger to be feared for other buildings. If a suitable site could be found for this project on one of the fields in the valley west of town, the Col. would agree to have this mill, etc., erected there.

*Feb. 19.* Absent the Brn. Lewis Belo and Wm. Petersen.

1. Br. John Chitty cannot make up his mind as yet about buying the Stolz house, since it does not stand properly in line

with the rest of the houses and would either have to be moved or torn down if the street should be formally opened.

2. An announcement could be made by the Aelst. Confz. to the effect that the following unmarried persons are attending catechetical instruction: Elizabeth Barnacassel, Regina Geiger, Mary Kitchelt, and a girl attending the Boarding School named Susan Walker. They may wish to unite with the local congregation by the rite of confirmation. The members of the Col. are acquainted with all of them except the last and vouch for them—they therefore would have no objection to their joining the congregation.

3. Since it seems to be impossible to find a suitable person in this area to take charge of the supervision of the Sisters' House kitchen, we shall have to look about for such a person in our northern congregations.

4. Br. Charles Brietz applies to the Col. for a reduction of the debt he owes to the Gem. Diac. He bases his application on his claim of his having suffered loss by his having assumed responsibility for the notes and book accounts of the tannery, which had been a Gem. Diac. industry (though a reduction of 20 per cent had been allowed him at the time). If we should permit him to have a reduction, he is willing to let it apply to the note, which does not carry personal security. The Col. has little inclination to deal with this application, since it considers it to be remarkable that this should be made after such a lapse of time (namely, after about 16 years). In any case, it would want to have more definite information as to the manner in which his assuming these debts caused him loss and how much he really forfeited in this way.

5. Rud. Blum, son-in-law of Mrs. Farrar, who died some weeks ago, asks whether he might rent the land on which Mrs. Farrar's house is situated. He would like to rent the house and use the proceeds for the benefit of the children and the creditors of the estate. As this would merely lead to trouble, the Col. denies this request and prefers to have the agreement remain in effect which was made with Mrs. Farrar. (See the minutes of August 29, 1853, paragraph 2.)

6. Since during the winter it was found that the steps taken to heat the church by means of 2 large stoves were not adequate in severely cold weather, a proper furnace is now to be bought and installed during the course of the summer.

The nonresident Widowed Sr. Martha Griffith would like to rent the Widowed Sr. Anna Reich's former room in the Widows' House. Friends of hers have promised to pay her rent. No definite reply can be given to this application at present because no decision has yet been reached as to whether this room shall be used for the old and blind Widowed Sr. Juliana Eberhardt.

*Feb. 26.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper and E. A. Vogler.

1. With regard to paragraph 1 [of the preceding minutes] it was stated that Br. John Chitty has given up his intention of purchasing the Stolz house. He would like, however, to rent it for a year and also the land which Stolz formerly occupied. At the same time he applies for the town lot located north of Stolz' house (the 3rd south of Winston) to establish his business gradually at that spot. The Col. is willing to grant his request, but suggests that the lot be put under the trusteeship of his wife and that the buildings also be constructed with her funds. The Col. decided that he should pay \$10.00 rent for the Stolz house and land, including the stable and trees on his lot.

2. Br. Traug. Chitty wishes to rent the lot between his own and the one now granted to his brother to cultivate it as a field. Therefore, he wishes to cut the timber still standing on it. He is ready to pay a fair price for the latter. Under the condition that he shall vacate the lot whenever someone desires to have it as a building site and that he shall pay the value of the timber on it plus 50 cents annual rent, the Col. granted his request.

*March 12.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper, L. Belo, and E. A. Vogler.

1. Br. Adam Butner would like to know whether he might be permitted to leave Widow Farrar's house at its present site if he should buy it and whether he would be allowed to rent the land which belongs to it. For he would like to permit a man who works for him to occupy it with his family. The Col. has no inclination to grant this request, but abides by the conditions of the contract made with Mrs. Farrar (see the minutes of August, 1853, paragraph 2).

2. The subscription of gifts collected by Br. Hartwig [*sic*] for the beautifying, etc., of the God's Acre, has now been delivered to the Vorsteher and amounts to \$529.50 to date.

3. Owing to the indebtedness of the estate of Br. Lewis F. Eberhardt, his house will have to be sold. It will be necessary,

therefore, to find other living quarters for his widow, her family, and his blind mother. At present, however, there is no vacant room even in the Widows' House for such a purpose. After the new building for the Boarding School will be finished, the rooms now used by the local girls' school will indeed again become available for someone to occupy. Therefore, the Col. will not execute the deed of trust resting on Eberhardt's house until some other dwelling can be found for the family. Consequently, it may remain in the house for this period.

4. Br. Charles Werner would like to rent a room in his house to a certain Canaday, a shoemaker, who is working for Charles Brietz. The Col. grants the request.

*March 26. Absent Br. Fr. Fries.*

1. The Single Br. Levi Blum has acquired by purchase the dwelling house and other buildings on his father's lot, following the latter's home going. The Col. gives its approval to this purchase.

2. Br. Aug. Zevely again applies for the piece of land lying between the field he is renting on the Schuman plantation and the plank road (which may contain 1 to 2 acres). Since it is only thinly covered with timber, the Col. rents it to him under condition that he shall pay for the timber upon it.

3. The nonresident Married Br. Wm. Shore states that he is willing to pay \$100 for the Stolz house after Br. Chitty's rent year will have expired. He wants the Col. to promise it to him now. The Col. is not led to do this immediately and therefore postpones this request for an indefinite time.

Br. Lewis Hein has also indicated his desire to purchase this house.

4. In reply to our inquiry (see the minutes of February 19, 1855, paragraph 3), we have received information from our northern congregations that we are not likely to be able to find a suitable person there for the supervision of the domestic establishment of the Sisters' House. Therefore, further discussion was held regarding such persons who could perhaps still be discovered in our area. Our thoughts centered chiefly upon the possibility of the Widowed Sr. Catharina Eberhardt's (the widow of the late Lewis F. Eberhardt) filling such a post. We shall, therefore, sound her out regarding this. Mention was also made of the Widowed Sr. Rebecca Wommock, who belongs to Hope.

*April 26.* Absent Br. Chs. Cooper.

1. The Widowed Sr. Cathar. Eberhardt indicates her willingness to accept the post offered her in the Single Sisters' domestic establishment, provided she be allowed to take her two younger children with her, a boy of 13 and a girl of 10. The Col. cherished misgivings as to the former—but agreed that a trial should be made with him. The Col. set Sr. Eberhardt's salary at \$8.00 per month plus free board and lodging for herself and her two younger children.

2. The sum of \$12.00 per year is to be paid for the lighting and cleaning the lamps in our church.

3. In the further process of leveling Main Street, the declivity at Br. Haeusler's is to be filled in more than formerly.

4. The Col. agrees to have the Gem. Diac. bear  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the expenses of Br. and Sr. Levin Reichel for their trip from Litiz to Salem.

5. Br. Francis Fries has bought the house of Br. C. Werner, and Br. Edwd. Belo, that of Br. Henry Rüde. As a result of the latter transaction, the deed of trust resting on the Rüde house has been satisfied by a note against Br. Ed. Belo.

6. We have heard that Br. Julius Kern has taken the notorious P. L. and his family on the former's lot and thus has brought them back into the community. Br. Kern, who is at present in Yorkville, South Carolina, is therefore to be informed in writing that the Col. cannot approve this action and that he is asked to send him away again.

7. With regard to the factory affairs, it was decided that the Gem. Diac. should take over the funds belonging to the Sisters' House and loaned to the factory, amounting to \$3,300, but will not pay interest on them.

It was further decided, in closing out the Gem. Diac. account this year, to write off as a total loss the entire factory account against the stock account.

*May 21.* Absent Br. C. Cooper.

1. Since the income from interest received by the Single Sisters' Diac. will be reduced in future as a result of the resolution adopted by the Col., as noted in paragraph 7 of the preceding minutes, no interest will be charged to it any longer in favor of the buildings' insurance fund for that part of the fund which represents coverage of the Single Sisters' Diac. and not capital specifically loaned to it.

2. In reference to the beautifying of the Salem God's Acre, the Col. resolved that a low wall is to be built along its front with pillars rising above it (instead of wooden posts). Between them a low fence is to be installed with an attractive gate. On the other 3 sides the usual fence will be kept either whitewashed or painted. All graves are then to be raised and the paths in the God's Acre cleaned of grass and covered with sand or gravel. The committee elected by the Aufs. Col., as recorded under January 29, 1855, paragraph 4, is to continue to be responsible for having this carried out.

3. On account of the new Boarding School building it is desirable to change the sisters' entrance to the church, which does not serve to adorn the church. Therefore, it was decided to take down the wall which stands next to it and also put a wider corridor with a correspondingly wider staircase there. This also would enable the sisters to leave the church a good deal more quickly.

4. A reply has been received from Br. J. Kern in which he states he is willing to send the L. family away again. He mentions at the same time that in his ignorance of the existing circumstances he had admitted them for three months.

*June 15.* All members present.

1. Tomorrow the late Lewis F. Eberhardt's house, which is known to be in poor condition and on which the Gem. Diac. holds a deed of trust, is to be disposed of at public sale. Therefore, the question was raised whether the Gem. Diac. should take it over in case no reasonable offer should be made for it. Following some discussion regarding this, the Col. agreed to let the Vorsteher act according to his own discretion in the matter, after he shall have informed himself as to its condition. If it should be sold to another purchaser, the note to be given for it is to be made payable to the trustee.

2. A communication from the Brn. C. D. Kühln and Timotheus Vogler addressed to the Col. was communicated. It deals with the ditches in the back street in the lower part of town. A committee composed of the Brn. F. Fries, Cooper, and Theod. Kühln was appointed to investigate this matter and report back to the Col.

3. Another communication signed by the majority of the residents of the lower part of town and dealing with the back street was also read, but the Col. is not entirely sure of its real purpose.

4. A discussion followed regarding the desirability of enlarging the conduit under the street located at the former Senseman shop and then constructing a bridge over it. It has the purpose of carrying water into the widows' garden, but in the case of heavy rain it is not capable of carrying off all the water. The committee appointed in paragraph 2 will examine this spot also.

5. Sr. Elis. Conrad, who has taken over the outlot formerly occupied by Dietrich Tewes, now would like also to obtain that part of the former Rudolph Christ outlots which lies between her lot and the plank road. This the Col. granted.

6. Br. Solomon Micke applies for the town lot situated between Traug. and John Chitty's with the intention of passing it on in time to his son Francis. The Col. grants it to him under the usual condition.

7. It appears that Br. Charles Schober does not intend to build on the lot granted him several years ago, although he has dug a well upon it. Therefore, he is to be asked whether he plans to build on it immediately. If not, he must return it and the Gem. Diac. will pay him for the cost of the well. The lot could then be used for other purposes, possibly for a water container.

*July 16.* Absent Br. Wm. Petersen.

a. Br. Julius Micke bought the Eberhardt house at the public sale and the Col. approves the transaction.

b. The committee appointed to look at the ditches in the lower part of town has not yet carried out its commission.

c. Br. Charles Schober states that he has not yet reached a decision as to whether he would actually build on his lot or not.

1. The Single Br. Jos. Hall applies again for the town lot bordering to the north on that of Edward Leinbach. Since he is now of age, the Col. grants it to him under the usual condition.

2. Br. Alex. Ackerman would like to construct an addition to his shop. This the Col. sanctions.

*Sept. 24.* All members present.

1. Br. Julius Kern asks whether the Col. abides by its demand that he must send the L. family away. (See the minutes of April 26, 1855, paragraph 6.) Since L. has now been staying here with his family for weeks contrary to his promise given to Br. Kern and since, moreover, he has taken Dr. Fries into his house, Br. Kern, who is still in South Carolina, is to be informed that we cannot but insist on his sending the entire L. family away.

2. In this connection it was mentioned that various other householders have allowed non-Moravians to rent quarters without notifying the proper authorities. They will have to be reminded of regulations applying to this.

The nonresident Br. Van N. Zevely has bought the house of Widow Ante. Blum (now Masten), and Br. John Heisler, that of Br. Julius Micke. The Col. approves of both.

4. Mr. Const. L. Banner has recently purchased a plantation lying not far from the Salisbury Road (south of town). He now wishes to buy a piece of land containing about 10 acres, located between this plantation, the land of Br. Saml. Schulz, and the road, to build a house on it. He would be satisfied with less land if we were unwilling to let him have a tract of that size. He would prefer that part which lies between the Schulz land and the road because it has the best building site. The Col. is not willing to sell him any land, but would let him lease a piece of land for the intended purpose with the understanding that he should have the right of preemption at the then current prices if we ever decide to sell any diacony land. He is to pay for the timber on that land like any others who hold leases.

5. Br. George Folz asks to have his town lot enlarged as far as the run flowing to the west of it so as to remove his stable and barn to the street leading to Nath. Vogler's. The approach to it has been made difficult by the building of the plank road. The Col. is prepared to grant his request, but he will have to reach an agreement with the mill company regarding that part of the meadow which his lot would then take in. Furthermore, the size of his lot must first be determined more exactly.

6. The request of the nonresident Married Br. Wm. Shore to buy the Stoltz house was discussed, but no decision was reached.

7. Br. Charles Schober has returned his lot to the Gem. Diac.

*Oct. 1.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper and Elias Vogler.

1. [The annual account of the Gemein Diaconie] from May 1, 1854, to April 30, 1855, showed that as the result of special receipts of \$250 (\$200 of which derive from Br. C. Kreuser's estate), this account actually closed with a surplus of \$15.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ . However, since in accordance with the resolution of the Aufs. Col. of April 26, 1855, paragraph 7, the entire debt of the cotton factory had been written off, there appears an excess of expenditure amounting to \$16,214.04 $\frac{1}{4}$ , as a result of which the excess

of assets has been reduced to \$13,742.09 $\frac{3}{4}$  in the balance sheet of the diacony. This account indicates, as former ones have as well, that the Gem. Diac. must be provided with increased income if it is to meet future demands upon it. Therefore, the Col. will take up at some future date the consideration of how this can be achieved.

2. The account of the Single Srs.' Diac. this year showed an excess expenditure of \$900.66 $\frac{1}{2}$ , brought about by the rise in costs of provisions and the reduced income from board. This deficit was deducted from the reserve fund, which now stands at \$1,373.09 $\frac{1}{4}$  on the balance sheet.

3. The civic and church account shows an excess of expenditures of \$63.32. This, however, is ascribable to the fact that \$282 was spent for fire-fighting equipment. As a result of this excess expenditure, the credit balance in this account has been reduced to \$44.05 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

4. The waterworks account shows an excess expenditure of \$34.19, which is to be explained by the purchase of 2 "forcing pumps" which were purchased for it. This account closes the year with a credit balance of \$289.59 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

5. The lovefeast account had an excess expenditure of \$48.12 $\frac{1}{2}$ , which increased the deficit resting upon it to \$67.03.

6. It is planned to build a good road from here through Clemmonsburg to the Yadkin River and also a bridge across it. For this purpose a stock company is being founded. Therefore, the idea was suggested that perhaps the Single Sisters' Diac. could buy stock in the company, especially for the reason that the kitchen buys a considerable amount of wheat from the area beyond the river, and it is probable that trade from there will turn towards Lexington if such a road should not be constructed. The Col. discussed this idea, but came to no conclusion regarding it.

*Oct. 22. Absent Br. Theod. Kühln.*

1. In connection with paragraph 1 of the minutes of September 24, it was reported that we have written to Br. Julius Kern and that he is prepared to take the necessary steps to send away the family referred to. Since our last meeting it has developed, however, that Dr. Fries is not staying at L.'s—which latter fact will have to be reported to Br. Kern.

2. It was decided to make a public statement at the next meeting of the congregation council regarding those householders

who have taken non-Moravians into their homes without having given proper notice of this.

3. The Col. is unwilling to allot as much land to Mr. Banner as he would like to have to build the home he has in mind (namely 7 to 8 acres). Therefore, a committee was appointed, consisting of the Brn. Pfohl, Fries, and Lewis Belo, which will settle this matter with Mr. Banner, but with instructions from the Aufs. Col. that the land to be allotted is not to exceed the area of a good-sized town lot.

4. Since the Col. does not like the idea of selling the Stoltz house to Wm. Shore, Br. Henry Leinbach is willing to buy it for \$100, the price set for it, and then let Wm. Shore occupy it. The Col. expressed its agreement with this.

5. We took up again and discussed tentatively the petition mentioned under April 24, 1854, which had been signed by 36 lot holders and contained the request that consideration might be given in proper quarters to the annulling of our local lease system. Br. Schweinitz, as trustee of the Salem land, wishes to consult a good lawyer about the repeal of the trust, under which he holds the land, before anything is done in the matter. Therefore, it was resolved that he should do so in the near future. The costs connected with this consultation are to be paid by the Gem. Diac.

6. Furthermore, it was reported that Br. O. Mitchell had purchased the former Henry Rüde house from Br. Edwd. Belo. The Col. had no objection to this.

*Dec. 17.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper and W. Petersen.

1. Under paragraph 3 [of the preceding minutes] it could be reported that the committee there referred to had reached an agreement with Mr. Banner regarding the land he wanted and had promised him a lot measuring 200 by 400 feet (therefore about  $1\frac{3}{4}$  acres). To this the Col. does not object.

2. In the matter of the trust (see paragraph 5), Br. Schweinitz has taken the steps he had in view, but so far he has not received any answer.

3. A complaint was made that the mail coaches stand on the sidewalk near the Boarding School garden and block it. An effort is to be made to arrange to avoid this in future.

4. Mr. Const. L. Banner and his wife apply to be received in the local congregation, and the Col. recommends them to the Aeltst. Confz. for this.

5. Br. Eug. Hartwig has sold to Br. Alanson Wohlfahrt the house situated at the corner of the former's lot and occupied until now by Aquilla [sic] Jones. With it he also has ceded a part of the lot to him, namely 84 foot frontage; thus his own house retains a lot of only 40 foot frontage. The Col. approves this sale and also the division of that lot.

6. Br. Adam Butner would like to build a house on his lot, behind the new wing of the tavern, as living quarters for his negroes. The Col. approves this building, but advises him to construct it of brick and to take all necessary precautions for the prevention of fire in it.

7. Mention was also made of the desire of the Widowed Sr. Cathar. Eberhardt to resign from her office as supervisor of the Sisters' House kitchen.

*Minutes of the Aeltesten Conferenz in Salem For the Year 1855.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 10.* Absent the Brn. Emil and Robert Schwtz [Schweinitz].

2. Br. Bahnsen was requested to serve again as recording secretary.

7. A letter from Brooklyn requesting assistance for their new church, etc., was left to be dealt with by Br. Reichel.

*Jan. 24.* Absent Br. Robert Schweinitz.

2. In regard to the office of Saaldiener, the conference regretted that particularly on the sisters' side recourse must be had so exclusively to younger persons. Br. Pfohl will talk with Br. Cooper about the matter. The single persons Mortimer Vogler and Lavinia Boyer are active in this office.

*Jan. 31.* Absent Br. Rob. Schweinitz.

5. Br. Pfohl will speak to Sr. Kremer regarding her taking over the office of head Saaldienerin.

*Feb. 14.* Absent Br. Rob. Schweinitz.

4. The Single Srs. Gertrude Schulz, Theresa Beckel, and Lavinia Boyer have moved into the Choir house.

*Feb. 28.* All present.

2. A trial is to be made in future of having the litany prayed not at 9 o'clock, but in connection with the preaching service.

4. The Single Srs. Maria Griffin and Sarah Phillips are to move into the Choir house.

5. The Widowed Sr. Jacobus (James), who belongs to Friedberg, wishes to be transferred to Salem with her little daughter. The A. Conf. grants her request.

7. On Friday, March 9, an entertainment will be held in the Saal.

*March 14.* All present.

3. Odes are to be prepared for the afternoon service on Good Friday and also for the lovefeast on the Great Sabbath, the former entirely in English, the latter mostly so.

4. The Single Sr. Margaret Morrow is resigning as Saaldienerin, and the Single Srs. Hannah Vogler, Maria Griffin, Caroline Eberhardt, and Caroline Vierling were suggested as suitable [for this office]. The A. Conf. agrees to this. Sr. Krämer [*sic*] is willing to assume supervision as head Saaldienerin.

*March 28.* All present.

6. The evening services in German will not be held on Mondays and Fridays for the present.

*May 22.* Absent the Brn. Bahnsen and R. Schweinitz.

5. Sr. Johanna Elis. Schulz wishes to resign from her office as head of the Sisters' House.

*July 18.* All present.

3. Effective on the festival of the Older Girls, Sr. Hartvig has resigned from her office as Schwestern Pflegerin.

As successor to the Single Sr. Joh. Elis. Schulz (see the preceding minutes, paragraph 5), Srs. Betty Blum and Maria Peterson were suggested and are to be consulted.

5. The conference discussed the unhappy marital relations of Br. and Sr. Peter Fetter, but without taking action.

*Aug. 29.* All present.

2. The Single Br. Julius Steiner, who has been excluded from Communion for some time, applies for readmission. Since so far as is known his recent behaviour has been irreproachable, the conference gave its approval, and also to his desire to be married to Mary Matilda Sharp, a single woman, a member of the Methodist church.

3. It was decided in the future to have an English preaching service each Sunday morning; the German service is to be held every third Sunday afternoon, so far as practicable.

*Sept. 26.* All present.

2. The Married Br. Ernst Vierling, who has been excluded from Communion for some time, applies for readmission. Since recently his behaviour has been irreproachable, the A. Conf. was led to grant him his request.

4. The A. Conf. gives its approval to the intended marriage of the Single Br. Constantin Rights to the Single Sr. Elizabeth Hein.

*Nov. 7.* Absent Br. Rob. Schweinitz.

2. The Single Sr. Ellen Blickensderfer has left on a visit to Pennsylvania.

3. The Sons of Temperance request the use of the Saal if General Carey should deliver addresses on temperance during his expected visit. The conference granted this request.

5. The conference considered it advisable to exclude Br. Ladek from the congregation.

7. On October 16 the Single Br. Adolph Reich was united in holy matrimony with the Single Sr. Caroline Eleanora Vierling.

8. The Married Sr. Anna Elisabeth Leinbach, m. n. Clauder, was transferred to this congregation.

*Dec. 11.* All present.

3. The memorabilia will be prepared in English.

6. As a matter of interest, the A. Conf. was informed that because the local school committee had been unable to find either in Germany or in the North a Moravian successor to Br. Lewis, who was compelled to resign on account of his health, it has called a young man named Jesse Atwood as teacher.

*Dec. 28.* All present.

The Widowed Sr. Benigna Boner from Tennessee is again listed as belonging to Salem.

7. The Single Sr. C. E. has brought exclusion from the church upon herself because of her forced marriage to Br. E. B., who belongs to Bethabara.

8. The A. Conf. resolved to allow the Forsyth Literary Society to use the so-called young men's library so long as each successive brethren's Pfleger can approve of this society.

*Minutes of the Land Arbeiter Conferenz For the Year 1855.*

[Extracts translated.]

*Feb. 1. All present.*

*2. b. Friedberg and Hope.*

Br. Rights rendered the reports in his capacity of present pastor in Br. Hagen's place. On November 5 the Saaldiener had a lovefeast. On the 6th the funeral of the Married Sr. Thornton was held at Hope. She had gone home at an age of over 84 years.

On the 12th Br. Hagen first took leave of the Sunday School, then held the funeral of the Widowed Sr. Elis. Walk, and finally delivered his farewell sermon to a large gathering. On the 16th a lovefeast was held at which Br. and Sr. Hagen said farewell and Br. and Sr. Rights were welcomed. On the 20th he [Br. Rights] held meetings at Cope's schoolhouse, where the building of a church is making progress, and he received a good impression of the work there.

*c. Friedland and New Philadelphia.*

On August 6 the confirmation of the Married Br. Martin Rominger and the Married Sr. Mary Transou, m. n. Miller, took place at New Philadelphia. On Oct. 21 the funeral was held of the Married Sr. Catharine Schneider, m. n. Hummel. On Nov. 4 the congregation in New Philadelphia celebrated its anniversary, and on the 12th Br. R. delivered his farewell sermon there, and on the 19th at Friedland.

*March 1. Absent Br. Schweinitz.*

*2. b. Friedberg, Hope, etc.*

The Widowed Srs. Tesch, Spach, and Weaver had been called home in the course of the month. The funeral of Reb. Jarvis, who had died very suddenly and lay in her coffin with her still-born child, was particularly memorable. At Cope's schoolhouse the funeral was held of a married man, Wiley Claunch, who had been converted during the long period on his deathbed as a result of Br. Hagen's ministrations and had received holy baptism. The difficulties which had arisen there because of the land on which the church is being built seem to have been settled.

*c. Br. Reichel gave a report for Friedland and New Philadelphia.*

Br. Reichel had been at Philadelphia 3 times. On his 1st visit Br. Frch. Burkhardt had been elected as steward and the 3 brn. Js. Norman, Tim. Transou, and Ths. Spach as members of the committee.

*April 12.* All present.

3. Br. Rights mentioned the married couple Chs. Krautch and wife as candidates for holy baptism and Jno. Smith, a married man, as a confirmand at Friedberg.

4. The chairman announced that, God willing, a provincial synod of our Southern Province should meet on the 5th of June in Salem in accordance with the resolution adopted in 1849 that such a gathering should be held in six years' time. In this connection it would be necessary first to make some decision about the number of delegates to be sent to it from respective congregations. It seemed proper that each one of the congregations formerly represented at the provincial synods should send one delegate, even where the number of communicants is small, and that in the larger ones one delegate should be elected for approximately every 50 communicants. In doing this it should, however, be kept in mind that the total number of delegates from the rural congregations should not too greatly exceed the Salem delegates. This would be entirely proper for the reason that the total number of Salem communicants falls short of the joint total of all the other congregations only by about 50. Accordingly, the following representation was decided upon:

Salem 8, Bethabara 1, Bethania 2, Friedberg (with Muddy Creek) 3, Hope 1, Friedland 1, New Philadelphia 1.

Mt. Bethel still is entirely in charge of the Home Mission Society and is, therefore, not entitled to a delegate.

*May 3.* Absent Br. Bahnsen.

1. The minutes of the April meeting were read. In regard to them, the chairman remarked that the provincial synod which had been discussed in detail in them had, after thorough consideration, been postponed indefinitely for the present until we shall have learned about the resolutions to be adopted in Bethlehem. They may call for consideration on our part too.

At *Muddy Creek* on the 29th the Married Sr. Sarah Haly and the Single Sr. Angeline Brewer were baptized and Amanda Mulliken and Sarah Rominger confirmed.

At *Friedland* only on Easter Sunday a large number assembled, on which day the Widowed Sr. Elis. Hein, m. n. Vogler, was buried. She was the last of the original Broadbay settlers.

3. At *New Philadelphia* there are difficulties. They had decided to sell to the highest bidder 20 acres of land belonging to the church at that place. So far nothing has been done about it, and there seem to be objections due to private considerations. On

Good Friday there was to have been a lovefeast, but no preparations were made for it, this probably for reasons connected with the matter just mentioned. The conference hoped the matter could still be settled amicably.

4. At *Bethabara* a new committee was to have been elected on the 22nd, but other than the current members (4) only 2 brethren were on hand, so the election could not take place.

The family of Br. Jonas Leinbach has not been attending church for a considerable time. When he inquired, Br. Grunert learned that certain remarks made by another girl about the mother and daughter were the cause of this. The conference could not understand how anything so unimportant could make anyone turn away from the church, and Br. G. will talk to them about it again when he has an opportunity.

*July 5.* Absent Br. Rights, present Br. Siewers.

1. The minutes of May were read. In connection with paragraph 1, it was announced that the U.A.C. is thinking of calling a general synod and that an urgent request had been received by the U.A.C. from Bethlehem to decide between 1857 and 1858. Under these circumstances, when a preparatory conference is near it is a question whether a provincial synod would be desirable. In any case, no decision is to be reached until the minutes of the Bethlehem synod are received.

3. Br. Siewers was asked whether he had anything to add to the reports given in the meeting of the H. M. Society yesterday regarding the progress of the congregation at Mt. Bethel. The only item was that 2 members, W. C., a married man, and C. D., had had to be excluded because of sins of the flesh.

4. a. At *Bethabara* the Married Br. Jacob Baumgarten fell asleep after long suffering.

5. The Married Br. Ths. Johnson at *Bethania* has expressed the wish not to be regarded as a member of the congregation any longer.

*Sept. 6.* All present.

1. The minutes of July were read. Regarding paragraph 1 the additional notice could now be given that the U.A.C. had convened a general synod for 1857. Accordingly, next year a preparatory synodical conference will be held.

2. b. At *Bethania* the Widowed Sr. Reb. Sailor had fallen peacefully asleep.

e. At Friedberg on *Whitsunday* the confirmation and baptism of the following persons took place; confirmed were: the Married Br. Jas. B. Smith (his wife Elisth., m. n. Walk, was re-admitted), the Married Br. and Sr. Jos. Franklin Sween and Elisth., m. n. Knauss, the Widowed Sr. Phoebe Ann Meyers, and the Single Srs. Sarah Elisth. Fischel and Matilda Cathe. Mack. Baptized were the married persons Charles Crouch and Cathe., m. n. Glasgow, and Susan Holland, m. n. Hampton. During these months Br. and Sr. Rights were afflicted with severe illnesses. In the neighborhood too many were ill, and several fell asleep.

f. The *negro congregation* had Holy Communion on August 28. The negro brother Jesse, who had given offense by his objectionable conduct, asked the negro members for forgiveness, of which he was also assured; and he promised improvement. Caroline (Holland) wishes to join the congregation.

*Dec. 13.* Absent the Brn. Schweinitz and Grunert. Br. Reichel kept the minutes.

2. The newly-erected little church on the other side of the Yadkin would now be ready for dedication, which could take place in January, but the conference considered it better to postpone it until spring.

*Diary of the Salem Congregation For the Year 1855.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 1.* With marvelous moonlight and very mild weather an extraordinary crowd of people had assembled, with whom we entered the new year in the name of the Lord. The behaviour of the visitors was very good on the whole, and there was no disturbance to be complained of.

Still, we had wet and cold, unpleasant weather this week which caused many cases of colds here.

*Jan. 7.* At 3 o'clock the annual meeting of the Poor Society was held, at which the Brn. Hartvig, Charles Cooper, and Elias Vogler were elected as directors and Br. C. D. Kühln as secretary.

*Jan. 14.* In the evening Br. Reichel read the *Wochenblatt [Wöchentliche Nachrichten?]* and commended the Brn. Aug. Fogle and Alex. Schneider to the Lord. They will set out tomor-

row on their journey to fetch the remains of our late Br. Herman. May our dear Lord bring them back safely into our midst again.

*Jan. 29.* In the afternoon Br. Bahnsen held the funeral of the late Widowed Sr. Sarah Farrar, and this in Winston in accordance with her own wish.

*Feb. 15.* Elliot's balloon.

*Feb. 28.* During this month colds have been almost universal. Many who had been ailing for some time were seriously ill.

*March 21.* Today the news reached us of the death of the Russian emperor.

*March 25.* At 1 P.M. Br. Bahnsen baptized the little child Francis Henry Fries.

*March 26.* At 3 P.M. Br. Bahnsen held the funeral of Henry Steiner, who fell peacefully asleep the day before yesterday.

*March 29.* Today Br. Andrew Lewis, who has been called as teacher of the Town School for Little Boys, arrived with his family, accompanied by Br. and Sr. Augt. Wolle.

*April 19.* Br. Bahnsen left on his journey to Pennsylvania to attend the synod which is to be held at Bethlehem in May. He is a delegate of the P.H.C. at this place.

This was the hottest day this spring, 96°, and some said 98°, in the shade.

*April 25.* Br. and Sr. G. H. Rüde with their children left on their journey to Indiana, having sold their house here last week.

*April 29.* Today at 1/2 5 the funeral of the Single Sr. Gertraud Lisette Schulz had to be held; it was to have been deferred until tomorrow.

*May 2.* In the evening the monthly prayer service was held in German, in which intercession was made for the provincial synod convened today at Bethlehem.

*May 9.* In the afternoon a little after 2 o'clock the body of the late Br. J. G. Herman arrived here. A small procession of carriages and horseback riders had gone out about a mile to meet it. At 5 o'clock the burial took place, following a short address by

Br. Reichel in German and the praying of the English litany. It was attended by a very large gathering.

*May 31.* Br. Bahnsen returned from his visit to Bethlehem. He discovered that it is impossible to write on this paper and therefore found another sheet.

Today the public examination of the local Girls' Boarding School began. Not so many friends were present as at other times. It rained all day.

*June 3.* Br. Bahnsen prayed the English litany. Br. Francis Holland from Sharon, Ohio, preached on Heb. 2:3. Very well attended. At 1 o'clock Br. Bahnsen baptized the little son of our Br. and Sr. Wm. Hall.

*June 15.* In the evening Col. Fell delivered a temperance lecture in the Saal. A collection taken for him amounted to \$10.00.

*July 1.* In the morning Dr. Wheat of Chapel Hill delivered a mighty learned, but edifying, sermon on II Peter 1:5 following the praying of the English litany by Br. Bahnsen. At 2 o'clock Br. Bahnsen conducted the lovefeast preparatory to the Holy Communion, and at 3 o'clock, the Holy Communion. Dr. Wheat and his daughter, who is married to Frank Schober, partook of it with the congregation.

*July 4.* Heavy rain during the morning prevented all festivities in the Saal and outdoors.

At 1 o'clock the funeral was held of the Single Br. Augustus Timoleon Holland.

It rained very hard during these days, so that much harm was caused by the water.

*July 8.* Br. Lewis took charge of the Sunday School, as Br. Bahnsen delivered a Sunday School sermon near Mount Vernon.

*July 9.* At 7 o'clock in the little Saal the baptism of the little son of our Br. and Sr. El. Reich was conducted. Then followed the 4th of July fireworks, etc.

*July 11.* At 9 A.M. a private funeral was held for our non-resident Br. Edmund Schulz's little daughter, who had fallen asleep a few hours after birth.

*July 23.* Sister Lisette Meinung was given a blessing. She herself joined in the singing of the hymn.

*July 25.* At 3 A.M., after considerable suffering, the Single Sr. Lisette Meinung fell asleep.

*July 29.* At 1 o'clock the same brother [Br. Bahnsen] baptized the little daughter of our Br. and Sr. Alex Ackermann.

*Aug. 21.* Today Sister Mary Ann Rudemann started on her journey to Bethlehem after an extended stay here.

*Sept. 2.* At 5 [Br. Bahnsen] held the funeral of the Widowed Sr. Susannah Schulz, m. n. Loesch, who had fallen asleep peacefully.

*Sept. 9.* At 10 o'clock Dr. Alkmann, bishop of the Episcopal church in this state, preached. He appears to be an unpretentious, truly Christian and evangelical man who spoke in a moving manner about the conversion of St. Paul, basing his remarks upon Acts 9:6. He spoke without any notes. In the afternoon he attended the lovefeast with his companion.

*Sept. 23.* At 1 o'clock the same brother [Br. Bahnsen] baptized the twin daughters of our Br. and Sr. Edwin Meinung.

*Oct. 2.* Br. Bahnsen married Br. Cons. Rights and the Single Sr. Elisabeth Haines.

*Oct. 7.* At 1 o'clock Br. Bahnsen baptized a little child of Br. and Sr. Wm. Ackermann.

*Oct. 16.* Br. Bahnsen married the Single Br. Gott. Adolph Reich and the Single Sr. Caroline Vierling.

*Oct. 25.* Thanksgiving Day in our state. Almost too early in the year, but our good governor apparently could not wait longer. Br. Bahnsen preached at 10 o'clock in English to quite a good gathering and in the evening conducted the musical Singstunde, at which, however, on the brothers' side mighty few were on hand. What a shame that it seems almost impossible to revive the spirit of song, though it is so beautiful and pleasing to the Lord and incidentally so characteristic of our church.

*Oct. 28.* A lovely day. The weather is very pleasant, but almost too warm for the time of year, particularly because of fever.

*Oct. 30.* At 1 P.M. the funeral was held of dear Br. James Heisler, who went home on Sunday. We have cause to believe that he sought and found the Saviour on his sickbed.

Nov. 7. At 3 P.M. the funeral was held of the young man Thomas Siddall, who had fallen asleep early yesterday. On this occasion Br. Bahnsen preached on Eccl. 12:1. A large number, particularly of young people, attended. The deceased was universally beloved, but his end had been entirely unexpected by him. His relatives cherish the comforting hope that he had prepared himself for it during his last days.

Nov. 14. At 3 P.M. the funeral was held of the Little Boy Theodor Hein, who had passed on unexpectedly on Monday, the only little son of our Br. and Sr. Lewis Hein.

Nov. 15. Br. E. Schweinitz left on a visit to the North, attending to business matters in Raleigh in this connection.

Nov. 26. Today the report spread of a case of infanticide that took place in Winston. A premature infant was found in the woods with a 1½ inch needle piercing its brain. The mother's name is Emma Cornish, and she lies in serious condition, closely guarded by the police.

Nov. 28. Br. Bahnsen conducted the English Bible study—well attended. The boys' instruction, which had been planned, was not held because only 3 boys came to it, and Br. B. just did not in this case feel like applying the proverb *tres faciunt collegium* ["three constitute a group"]. The indifference shown by parents and employers is great, but long established.

Dec. 7. At 3 P.M. the funeral was held of our Widowed Sr. Sievers, who had fallen peacefully asleep. On this occasion Br. Bahnsen delivered a short English address and read a memoir in her own hand. Rather long and detailed.

Dec. 16. On Wednesday the Town School for Little Boys closed with an examination, and on Thursday the Girls' Boarding School with an entertainment in the Saal. The new furnace in the Saal is doing very good service.

Dec. 24. Christmas Eve. Cloudy and unfavorable and even somewhat rainy. At ½ 5 Br. Reichel held the so-called little vigil service. There was not the usual number of children present on account of the weather. At 7 Br. Bahnsen held the main vigil service. There was a large number present. The sisters' side was crowded. The behaviour was good with the exception of one fe-

male, who, however, would like to be considered a lady. Whether much edification was obtained, the Lord alone knows.

*Dec. 27.* In the evening a concert was given in the Saal.

*Dec. 31.* Cloudy. At 5 o'clock Br. Bahnsen held the final meeting for the children. At 8 Br. Reichel read the memorabilia and at 10 o'clock held a musical Singstunde. At 11½ Br. Bahnsen held the closing service of the year. In spite of bad roads and bad weather the services were well attended, especially the last, and the large number present behaved in quite an orderly fashion. Nevertheless, our little faith sometimes causes us to doubt whether much blessing really is received in these services, especially in the last one. There was little noise in the streets. A few minutes before midnight the Married Sr. Louisa Brietz passed away.

*Report of the St. Philips Congregation (or the Negro Parish)  
For the Year 1855.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Feb. 11.* Funeral address and burial of Louis Boner.

*Feb. 25.* The Holy Communion was celebrated. Br. Byhan conducted the lovefeast and delivered a brief address to the communicant members, of whom there were 12 present.

*March 4.* I began with the reading of the story of the Passion. A nice number of worshipers had gathered.

*March 11.* The reading of the Passion story was continued. About 60 people attended.

*March 18.* Because of the bad weather only 10 persons had come to the service.

*April 6. Good Friday.* More than 40 people attended the service. This is something quite unusual since it is a working day.

*April 8. Easter.* Br. Byhan led in the Easter litany in the God's Acre. Thereafter the preaching service was held on the words: "It is finished." The church was crowded with worshipers.

*May 5.* I visited the communicant sister Rosa. She fell asleep in the Lord that evening between 7 and 8 o'clock. She had been a faithful member of this congregation for more than 29 years.

*May 27.* Holy Communion. Br. Holland conducted the love-feast and delivered an address to the communicants.

*July 3.* Preaching service and the baptism of a little child belonging to Wm. Holland.

*July 4.* I visited old Sr. Phebe and administered Holy Communion to her, since she no longer can come to church due to the infirmities of old age.

*July 26.* Holy Communion. Jesse made a public confession of sin in the presence of the congregation. Sr. Prissa [Priscilla?] made application to have her daughter Carolina join the congregation.

*Oct. 14.* The preaching service and the baptism of a little child belonging to Mrs. Waugh.

*Nov. 19.* The funeral was held of Eliza Webb. She was buried in the Jerusalem church graveyard.

*Nov. 25.* The preaching service and the wedding of Martin Banner and Carolina Holland.

*Dec. [31].* At the end of this year the little congregation consists of:

15 communicant members—namely 4 brethren and 11 sisters  
1 candidate for communicant membership  
4 children—a total of 20 persons, one more than last year.  
There died 1 member of the congregation.

*Minutes of the Salem Congregation Council For the Year 1855.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 2.* Present 29 brethren.

1. Thereupon the congregation council proceeded to the election of a new Aufs. Col. Following the collecting and the counting of the ballots, in which the Brn. Elias Vogler and Zachar. Rights assisted the secretary, it was found that Br. Henry Lein-

bach had been elected to this body with 22 votes; Elias Vogler, with 22; Charles Cooper, with 20; Lewis Belo, with 19; Francis Fries, with 18; Theod. Kuhln, with 15; and Nathl. Vogler, with 12. However, since Br. Lewis Belo did not accept this responsibility, and Br. Henry Schaffner, who also had received the required number of votes (namely 11), also declined to accept it for reasons which he stated, a new ballot had to be taken. Thereupon Br. Jac. Rudolph Christ was elected with 16 votes.

2. The following resolutions for the beautifying of the congregation's God's Acre [recorded in English] were then proposed to the congregation council and following some discussion also adopted by it unanimously; namely,

Resolved that this body suggest to the committee to consider the propriety to take up a subscription for two purposes, firstly, to raise the means to newly enclose & beautify the graveyard—& secondly, a list of what each one is willing to pay annually for the keeping of the same in good order & condition, etc., as the means raised will allow.

Resolved that this body recommend to the committee to require of all burying in our graveyard that they conform to the original plain & simple form of graves & gravestones, so that the hitherto beautiful simplicity & uniformity be strictly observed.

Resolved that the committee be requested to endeavour as much as possible to suppress the improper assembling of boys & young men around the graveyard gate on Sabbath afternoon & evening, and which has hitherto often prevented persons & families from frequenting the graveyard & visiting the graves of those near & dear to them.

*Jan. 9.* Present 31 brethren.

1. The occasion for the present congregation council resulted from the circumstance that the two brn., Nathal. Vogler and Rudolph Christ, who had been elected as members of the Aufs. Col. had declined this responsibility. Therefore, a new election became necessary to ballot for 2 other brethren. —The Brn. Elias Vogler and Theod. Kühln assisted the secretary in this election.

The first ballot resulted in no choice, since no one had received the required number of votes for election. In the 2nd ballot Br. Lewis Belo was elected with 12 votes and Br. Salomon Micke with 11. The latter, however, requested that he be excused. Br.

L. Belo, on the other hand, stated he was now willing to accept the responsibility which had been tendered to him for a second time. The 3rd ballot resulted in the choice of Br. Wm. Petersen with 15 votes. Since he was not present at the congregation council, however, a committee consisting of the Brn. Theod. Kühln, Elias Vogler, and Charles Cooper was sent to notify him of his selection, which committee on its return could report his acceptance of this responsibility.

The new Aufseher Col., therefore, consists of the Brn. Henry Leinbach, Elias Vogler, Charles Cooper, Francis Fries, Theod. Kühln, Lewis Belo, and Wm. Petersen.

2. Since a number of non-Moravian women had behaved in a very disorderly fashion at the Christmas Eve lovefeast and had thus created disturbance and annoyance, the proposal was made and seconded that in future only members of the congregation should be admitted to the Christmas Eve lovefeast. After some discussion, however, in which it was pointed out that it might hardly be feasible completely to exclude all persons who do not belong to the congregation, this proposal was amended to read: "That in future all lovefeasts are to be open to members of the congregation only, but that the pastor shall be authorized to permit respectable persons who do not belong to the congregation also to attend them, and that the ticket system that had been in effect should hereby be abolished." This proposal, properly seconded, was adopted unanimously.

*June 19.*

The present meeting of the congregation council had been convened by request of the current school committee in its desire to submit to the congregation council various proposals to amend the constitution as it affects the school committee. The status of the Town School for Little Boys, as hitherto carried on, has been discussed in this committee for some while past at various times. Particularly because of the desire expressed by a number of members in town, the committee was inclined so to reorganize the school that our sons would here be able to receive instruction in the more advanced sciences as well. To be able to achieve this and also to be able to have our pupils advance properly in knowledge, it is necessary to employ a 3rd teacher in the school, as a result of which, however, the costs would be increased considerably. So as not to saddle the Gem. Diac., as formerly, with any deficit which might occur in the

administration of the school—which the present condition of that diacony would prevent it from meeting as easily as formerly—the committee conceived the idea of amending the constitution in such a way that this burden would be removed from the Gem. Diac. Rather, the school would meet its budget by means of increased school fees.

To accomplish this, the following amendments to the constitution were proposed; namely, article 2 is to read in future:

The committee shall consist of 5 members, as follows:

- a. Ex officio members are the pastor and the Vorsteher of the congregation. The former is at the same time the Inspector of the school and the chairman of the committee.
- b. Three brethren who shall be elected every two years by a majority vote of the congregation council from among the brethren who are qualified for election to the Aufs. Col. However, no brother who is employed as a teacher in this school may be a member of the committee. Vacancies which occur in the committee, either by the death, resignation, or the moving of a member from town, shall be filled by the committee.

The committee elects its treasurer and secretary.

The last portion of Article 3 is to be deleted, namely the words:

Should, however, the school fees prove insufficient, the committee is to apply to the administration of the congregation.

Since article 7 applies only to the local girls' school, it should not be considered a part of this constitution and may, therefore, be omitted in its entirety. (See the constitution of the school in the minutes of the congregation council of November 22, 1849, paragraph 3.)

All amendments were unanimously adopted by the congregational council after they had been adequately discussed and explained.

After these items of business had been dealt with by the congregation council, the committee informed all the heads of households who were present and also the guardians of the little boys of our community as to its plans and ideas in regard to the carrying on of this school.

# NOTICE

Is hereby given that the sale of timber from *Salem Town Land* has been discontinued, and that all persons are strictly forbidden to cut down or remove from said tract any timber, dead or green.

**S. THO'S. PFOHL,**

*Warden of Salem,  
and Agent of the Proprietor.*

*Salem, Feb. 19, 1857.*

Notice by the proprietor's agent prohibiting the cutting of timber  
(Moravian Archives)



*Diary of the Bethania Congregation For the Year 1855.*

[*Extracts translated.]*

*Jan. 1.* In the prayer meeting at 10 o'clock we drew strength from today's watchword, which bids us rely on the Lord even when our paths are uncertain and our experiences grievous, and we again commended ourselves to the mercy of the Saviour. In the afternoon we drove to Bethabara where there was likewise a prayer service. Thereupon matters were discussed relating to the Sunday School which is to be opened. In this particularly the Methodist preacher Bodenhammer took an active part. From there we drove to Salem.

*Jan. 6.* Rode to Spanish Grove in spite of the bad weather, where some twenty persons were gathered, and preached on Isaiah 50:10. Edwin Hein, colporteur of the American Tract Society, was in our village for the first time today and made a fair sale.

*Jan. 19.* On the way back visited at Jonas Leinbach's. Their son Allen is quite ill. I then asked why they no longer came to Bethabara. On account of false accusations which M. H. has brought against them. How pitiful!

*Jan. 26.* Sister Denke to Dr. Jones. Afterward at Mother Stauber's. Then the Jones's little child was baptized and named Ella Mary. Terribly cold and windy.

*Jan. 27.* Went on foot to Pleasant Valley; there baptized Edwin Pfaff's little child, Albert Theoph., and preached to a large gathering. Then went to Pfafftown and baptized Ivan Transou's Rufus Edwd. From there to Old Volk's. He had been seriously injured by the falling of a branch. It was hard to talk with him since he is hard of hearing.

*Feb. 10.* The local post office was moved today from Lash's store, where I believe it had been for 55 years, to E. C. Lehman's.

*Feb. 21.* Was at Mary Ann Butner's, Th. Kapp's, and Mother Spoehauer's, where Cramer lay sick, having recently broken his leg. Tried to admonish him earnestly. He had belonged to the Missionary Baptists, but was excluded because of his drinking.

*Feb. 24.* Preached on Luke 19:40ff in Pleasant Valley to a fair-sized gathering, after Marshall's and Coller's child [sic] had been baptized.

*Feb. 28.* Was at H. H. Butner's and his negro Archie's, who seemed to be still in the same condition as some time ago.

*March 3.* Caught cold working in the garden in the morning. At 1 o'clock Archie's funeral was held in the negro church. It was well attended by white and black folk. Preached another sermon to the negroes.

*March 8.* In the upper part of the village in the morning, and then we drove to Salem. Mother Pfohl is quite weak.

*March 9.* Because of an entertainment in the Girls' School, we stayed until the morning [of the 10th].

*March 10.* On the way back heard that Mandeville Schultz was very bad and that she had sent for me. Therefore we drove there right away. She had an inflammation of the lungs and throat and was delirious. We closed with song and prayer. We then drove to Pfafftown to Lydia Wolffe's, who had had another attack but was better.

*March 26.* Negotiated about the fence around the lower garden; rather unpleasant, since the committee is letting me down.

*March 27.* In the village and at Shortown during the morning. At the Bethabara mill in the afternoon held the funeral of a little child of Jno. Styers, for which many people had gathered. Today a piece of the fence was finally made at the lower garden.

*March 29.* Cold and windy. Short of wood.

*March 30.* In the lower part of the village during the morning. Potato planting. A fine warm day for a change.

*March 31.* Gloomy, cold. Had wood to chop.

*April 21.* Went from there [Salem] to Nath. Pfaff's, and after dinner to Spanish Grove, where there was the baptism of the little child of Br. and Sr. Tim. Conrad.

*April 25.* The church was scrubbed.

*April 26.* At the Nazareth Church held the funeral of the wife of Wesley Wolffe, who had been visited from Salem and had fallen asleep in faith.

*April 28.* Was not well, but preached nonetheless in Pleasant Valley to a small gathering. Afterward at Benj. Pfaff's baptized their little child into the death of Jesus.

*May 6.* The German preaching service on Rom. 9:16 was less well attended. In the afternoon preached at Bethabara on the same text and also performed a baptism (Eli Schemel).

*May 9.* With Dr. Keehl to Friedberg where Sister Rights was desperately ill.

*May 15.* We drove to Salem. On the way [stopped] at Jac. Baumgarten's, who is feeling better again and was to be tapped. Then met the Sol. Pfaffs, who had had an accident with their buggy in Winston yesterday. Nevertheless, the divine preservation, particularly of their child, was unmistakable.

*May 19.* Got a note regarding T. C. Johnson, stating that he wishes no longer to be regarded as a member.

*May 20.* Half the village was away visiting!!! Few children at the children's service. Litany and German sermon, in which particularly the "inclinations of the heart" were set forth, which the Saviour demands. Though feeling unwell, still I held the service for the negroes in the afternoon and had the joy of seeing an unanticipated, large number assembled.

*May 27.* After it [the preaching service] an offering was received for our missions to the heathen, which amounted to \$9.00. In the afternoon drove to Bethabara with Mr. Coltraine, the new village schoolteacher, a Methodist, and preached to a rather small number. Afterward Wm. Hein's little child was baptized. Visited at Squire Butner's and Joseph Hein's, whose wife is quite ill. —The English service in the evening dealt with our diaspora activity.

*June 18 and 19.* Thunderstorms, which disrupt haymaking, although it has not rained much. Today also the wheat harvest is beginning and promises to be very abundant. If only this would bring about cheaper prices for the poor. How thankful we should be that our merciful God in his grace has saved us thus far from hail and storm.

*June 20.* Visited Sus. Schor and found her considerably better and more comfortable. In the afternoon Phil. Stoltz came and brought the news of the home going of Jacob Baumgarten at noon.

*June 21.* Drove to Baumgartens. Sally was inconsolable. The corpse looked at peace. From there to Dawson's, where William is better. Ate dinner at Squire Butner's and then held the funeral of the Married Br. Jacob Baumgarten, aged 59. Not very many people, as everybody is busy with the harvest. Returned to Beethania and held the funeral of the negress Prude, belonging to Sol Transou, who also died yesterday. Only few attended. Spoke on both occasions on Mark 16:16. —Rain.

*June 23.* By request drove to Sandy Kayser's to baptize their little child, who was seriously ill. On the way there I was earnestly requested by the free negro (Cousins), who lives along the road, by all means to preach occasionally in the Nazareth church, where for some time practically no services have been held, since Schweissgut no longer comes. The unfortunate thing is that I cannot do it on Sunday and practically no one comes during the week. Baptized Kayser's little child and 2 blacks into the death of Jesus.

*July 22.* After the children's service there was the English litany and the German preaching service. Very few people; many had gone to Dr. Stimson's funeral.

*July 24.* Word came of Becky Sailor's home going this morning.

*July 25.* At 11 the funeral was held, not very well attended. She was not prominent enough to bring the people together. Preached on Rev. 7:14.

*July 27.* Visited at Jos. Stockburger's in Shoretown. First peaches.

*Aug. 2.* Received word of Susel Schor's death. Therefore, we drove home in the morning without waiting for the L. A. Cfz. [in Salem]. The funeral was not held until after 4 o'clock, in the rain. Still, there was a fair number of people. I spoke on

Eph. 2:8, 9. There were few at the Hutberg;<sup>1</sup> it was very slippery.

Today the election was held of a member of congress. For the first time the Know-Nothings played a part, and the excitement of the people was great.

*Aug. 6.* Had headache.

*Aug. 7.* Rainy. Threshing at Gr.'s.

*Aug. 11.* Was at Pratt's after the meetings. Due to a misunderstanding, he was angry. He seemed to comprehend it (Democratic affairs). A gift of flour came today.

*Aug. 12.* Celebration of the 13th at Bethania. It too was poorly attended, partly on account of Know-Nothing excitement.

*Aug. 13.* Visited at the home of Mart. Holder; the Dan. Butners also came there. What an abundance of fruit!

*Aug. 23.* Fetched some firewood from the woods; did not feel well.

*Aug. 26.* Hundreds of people passed through the village to the camp meeting at Maple Springs. Also some from the village went. There were 5 in the children's meeting. In the liturgical service I felt so despondent that I scarcely got through it, and had to omit the preaching service. It is just too sad to have to go through such an experience.

*Sept. 6.* Immediately upon my return [from Salem], I went to Hy. Schultz's, where the marriage of Edwin Dull and Sarah Ann Schultz took place.

*Sept. 9.* At Bethabara in the afternoon. Preached on Luke 15:1ff. Afterward there was the baptism of Gust. Butner's child; I had not expected this. In the evening the well-attended baptism of Levin Grabs's and R. Oehman's children was held.

*Sept. 10.* Visited some in the village. Made corn fodder.

*Sept. 11.* Our Willie had fever; I also in the evening; I had continuous temperature until Wednesday morning; ate nothing;

<sup>1</sup>The God's Acre at Herrnhut lay on the slope of the Hutberg. It was customary for a long time to designate the burial places in other Moravian congregations by this name.

slept most of the time. —Then I took medicine; appeared better on Thursday, but could not sleep at all Saturday night, when thousands of phantom images passed in quick succession before me.

*Sept. 16.* Today there was to have been preaching service at Spanish Grove, but I had to stay at home. In the evening Dr. Jones came with some strong medicine. A bad night followed.

*Sept. 17.* Felt better, but could not go to the celebration of the sixteenth or to Br. Bahnsen's jubilee.

*Sept. 23.* Since I still suffered from the results of the fever, I could not think of paying visits outside of the village, especially since my indisposition had been increased by a heavy shower of rain when I drove to Salem on Wednesday. —In the village there was considerable sickliness, as well as in our family.

*Sept. 30. Children's festival.* It rained the whole morning until about 2 o'clock. Therefore the number of children was only small. Nevertheless, some of the larger boys came 4 and 5 miles on foot. Afterward I held the funeral of a negro child at Dr. Jones's and addressed some words to the negroes who had gathered in considerable numbers.

*Oct. 1.* I visited various people in the lower part of the village who were sick with fever.

*Oct. 6.* By request drove to Edwin Schulz's and baptized the little child that was sick. I myself was not well and had again to take measures against the fever.

*Oct. 7.* A rather heavy frost. Therefore many people were busy today in their tobacco fields.

*Oct. 8.* Again heavy frost, so that yesterday's work really proved to have been necessary. Went to get some firewood in the afternoon from the woods!!

*Oct. 12.* The need for firewood has become acute. I sounded the alarm and received 2 loads in the afternoon.

*Oct. 14.* It was cold in the church. In the afternoon the annual meeting was held of the local Home Mission Society. Receipts, \$4.71. In the Singstunde read the 91st Psalm.

*Oct. 15.* Our Willie had fever again and slept in our arms most of the time.

*Oct. 16.* We had a visit from a Methodist preacher Bryant, a man who bears a cross. His son drowned this summer near Germanton, and both parents died this fall in Norfolk, Virginia, of the terrible yellow fever raging there.

*Oct. 18.* After dinner I went to Sailor's, etc., and was brought back from there to marry Jessey Franklin to Martha Cornelius because the squire was away.

*Oct. 21.* The children's service poorly attended. Thereafter baptism of Tom Moser's little child.

*Oct. 25. Thanksgiving Day.* The Bethabara folks had wanted to have their preaching service in the evening instead of the afternoon, when many more people would come. When I made my appearance, I heard to my vexation and distress that at Wm. Flynt's and Sam Butner's "shookings" were in progress and almost everybody was there. So I came back with my object unfulfilled, discouraged and rather cold.

*Oct. 27.* Rode to Benj. Pfaffs, Shausses, and Pfafftown, since there was some confusion regarding the service tomorrow, to inform them definitely that I planned to come to Pleasant Valley. But in the evening M. Holder came and insisted on my giving this up and instead on my delivering a funeral sermon at the Nazareth church for a young man named Right (a brother of Wm. R.). Reluctantly I agreed.

*Oct. 28.* On the evening of the 31st Sally Transou brought the sad news that little Sally Conrad, her little granddaughter, had been called home this morning as a result of quincy [sic]. A heavy blow for the whole family, whose darling she was, and particularly for poor Antoinette! May the Lord comfort them!

This month our village likewise had to suffer much from fever, that is in the lower part; further up they have been entirely free of it.

*Nov. 1.* The Thomas Shaubs left our village today to move to Mt. Airy. The Alex Grabses will take their place. —Visited among others Sally Transou, who was quite inconsolable. In the evening they brought the corpse.

*Nov. 2.* The funeral [of Sarah Elisabeth Conrad] was held at 11 o'clock.

Nov. 4. In the afternoon, preaching service at Bethabara on the gospel lesson and baptism of Jos. Hein's child.

Nov. 17. Congregational anniversary in Bethabara. Br. and Sr. Reichel were present. Most of the sisters attended; after the lovefeast some of the brethren slipped away. This congregation quite definitely needs to be revived by grace.

Nov. 18. The whole week chills and a bad throat, which even the doctor's prescription did not cure.

Dec. 3. Butchering day. I had fever again, and on the 4th ditto.

Dec. 6. Felt better; weak. Meeting of the Home Miss. Society [in Salem]. It spends much, but accomplishes little. Returned home.

Dec. 7. In the village, and busy with music.

Dec. 12. After dinner Henry Schultz brought news of the death of Peggy Schultz. How good it is for her and the others!

Dec. 13. The funeral after 1 o'clock. I spoke briefly on Rom. 8:18 and read a memoir that was rather longer than usual. She was truly a faithful soul.

Dec. 16. Butchering weather. In the first service Naeman [sic] Reich's little daughter was baptized.

Dec. 22. A rainy day. Nevertheless, the young people fetched greens for the Putz.

Dec. 23. Rode to Pl. Valley where there was baptism and a sermon on Matt. 21:5. The service was well attended. Then at Hy. Schultz's. When I came home the Putz in the church was finished and quite pretty. In general the willingness of the boys to help with it was commendable, which formerly had not always been the case.

Dec. 24. Rain or drizzling all day. It was remarkable how many people came through the deep mud to the Christmas vigil service. The children urge them on and almost all were here. The service was held at 5, and later an English sermon on the doctrinal text, attended mostly by young people. The choir music went fairly well, though in part it was too slow, as usual.

*Dec. 25. Christmas.* Rain the whole day and rather heavy at that. At 10 there was the children's service. It was delightful to see how the fathers carry their little girls to church in their arms. Distributed American Tract Society cards among them.

Later a German preaching service was held on the doctrinal text, poorly attended, of course. —Drove to Bethabara in the afternoon, where a number had gathered, and preached. —To my joy a small Putz had been made.

*Dec. 26.* In the following days the weather was very bad. Rain and ice, so that no one was out who did not have to be. Worked on the memorabilia.

*Dec. 31.* Finished the memorabilia. Rode to Bethabara in the afternoon; the road was very bad and the weather cold and gloomy. The concluding service unfortunately had been set for 5. At 3 would have been better. Before it, a number of members came and brought me their "Christmas contributions." They "get off easily," that is a fact. First there was lovefeast, and then the memorabilia were delivered *orally*, leading very naturally to the concluding address. The service was a blessed one for me.

Back immediately thereafter to hold the services in Bethania. In connection with the lovefeast [at 8 o'clock], there is always trouble because of the nonmembers. They ought not to come, but do come and have to be turned away, which makes for bad blood, etc. This time everything was in English. At 10 the memorabilia were read and listened to in complete silence. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  12 service began with the "Lord, Lord, God" That, as well as the anthems in the lovefeast, went right well.

Thankful and humble, but with hope of better days, we ended the year 1855.

*Minutes of the Committee of the Bethania Congregation  
For the Year 1855.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Meeting of the Heads of Households* at the congregational anniversary, June 10.

1. The annual account for 1854 was communicated. The receipts amounted to \$241.45. The demands made on the congregation account were about \$227 as of the end of the year.

The God's Acre account is in good condition. It now has \$32.00, and there is still some money outstanding.

2. The nonresident brethren and sisters in Pfafftown wish to have a Sunday preaching service. Since most of them come here very rarely and it certainly is desirable that they should receive additional spiritual nourishment as a result of their belonging to the congregation, it was decided to omit the Sunday preaching service at Bethania once a month and instead to have preaching once in Spanish Grove and once in Pleasant Valley. It was noted with regret that there is no house so situated that it would be convenient for all the brethren and sisters at that place.

*Committee Meeting, December 30,* the Brn. Sol. Pfaff, Jac. Werner, and Sol. Transou being absent.

1. The pastor expressed regret that, due to his absence on Sunday afternoons, the committee had not been able to meet for such a long time. (One meeting in the course of the year had accomplished nothing.)

2. The God's Acre road has been completed by Jac. Werner.

3. The God's Acre bridge remains in the same old condition. The pastor announced that Sr. Conrad of Salem had given him \$5.00 for a bridge and that Edwin Schulz had asked whether he could not build the same and have this credited against his debt. Since this matter had already been discussed with Br. Grabs, the proposal was made and carried that Chr. Grabs should again be asked whether he would be willing to construct this bridge in the near future, and if he would not at all be interested in doing the work, that it then should be given to Edw. Schulz. If Br. Grabs elects to do it, then Schulz might put the fence on both sides in good condition, as it needs new posts and bars.

4. On account of the great amount of illness in Edw. Schulz's family, it was proposed that no contributions should be asked of him this year. This proposal was also adopted.

5. To the young man Oliver Lehman, who has been punctual in pumping the bellows, \$0.50 is to be offered by way of encouragement.

6. The kitchen roof at the parsonage was spoken of again, and also the kitchen itself, which is exceedingly small indeed, with its smoky chimney. As to the former, it was stated that the only means of preventing water from leaking through would be to cover the chimney with lead flashing. —Then the advi-

bility was discussed of tearing down the chimney and of building another on the exterior. That would indeed be helpful and would enlarge the kitchen a little, though not, it is true, where this is needed most: in its width. So it appears almost necessary to think of building a kitchen in the yard. Further consideration was postponed.

*New Philadelphia Congregation Report For the Year 1855.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

Both Friedland and the congregation of New Philadelphia are at present without pastors. For the latter, Br. Rights reports at the close of the year

16 communicants

2 noncommunicants

23 children

a total of 41 persons as members of this little congregation.

*January*

During this month the congregation, or rather the church, in the woods was visited only on one occasion.

*Jan. 14.* The Brethren Reichel and Schweinitz went there, and the former preached on John 2:1-11 to a congregation of about 80. At the same time, arrangements were made for the first time to elect a new committee, and—though reluctantly—Thomas Frey was given permission to preach *one* sermon here in 14 days time. This was done, as we heard later, without having caused exactly a considerable number to come.

*Feb. 4.* Br. R. preached in the afternoon on Matt. 8:22-27 to a congregation of about 80, and then baptized into the death of Jesus the little daughter of Br. and Sr. John Buttner; she received the name of Caroline Friedrica. Thereafter a congregation council was held, and by it (7 voting) Br. Fred Burkhard was elected as steward and the Brn. Is. Norman, Tim. Transou, Ths. Spach as members of the committee.

*Feb. 10.* A small group of communicants gathered and, following a preparatory address in English, partook of a lovefeast. In it Br. R. spoke a few words in German and told several missionary stories. Since all of the communicants with the exception of Br. Is. Norman prefer German, in view of their child-

hood memories, hymns were sung alternately in German and English both in the lovefeast and in the communion. There were 16 communicants present.

*Feb. 25.* The 3rd service in this month was held with an English sermon on Luke 24:46, 47. Immediately thereafter little Jane Augusta Transou, the little daughter of Timothy Transou, was baptized.

*April 6. Good Friday.* There was to have been a lovefeast in connection with the Holy Communion. However, those who had been appointed to prepare the former had not done so and stayed away. Only 15 persons, old and young, had gathered. To them there was read the story of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

*April 29.* The service which had been announced for this day had to be omitted, since during Br. Bahnsen's absence in Pennsylvania Br. Reichel was sufficiently occupied in Salem on that day.

*July 1.* A preaching service was held there on Luke 6: 36-42, on sanctification. Mr. Frey led in a closing prayer. Thereafter the baptismal vessels were presented which friends at Bethania had given. There were about 35 in the congregation, the smallest number on a Sunday thus far.

*Aug. 13.* In a congregation council meeting it was decided to sell the 20 acres of land adjoining Th. Spach's as soon as possible. The peach orchard is being abominably overrun by the cows and pigs of the whole neighborhood.

*Oct. 28.* In the afternoon Br. Bahnsen preached there and then baptized Mary Elisab. Burkhardt in her parents' home.

The 20 acres of land belonging to the congregation were sold recently for \$62.65.

[In Europe the outstanding event during 1856 was the convening of the Congress of Paris, which led to the treaty terminating the Crimean War. The treaty provided for the continued integrity of the Ottoman Empire as a barrier to Russian ambitions to carry its flag to the Mediterranean. Sir Henry Bessemer developed a process which was to revolutionize the manufacture of steel. The Japanese government formally recognized Townsend Harris as the first official agent of a foreign power on its shores.

In the United States the first passenger train crossed the Mississippi. The Republican party held its first national convention, nominating John C. Fremont as its candidate for the presidency; but James Buchanan, Democrat, won the election and thus became the fifteenth President of the United States.

This year was marked by the organization of the Educational Association of North Carolina, in support of which body the legislature voted an annual grant. Furthermore, the cause of education for women in this state was furthered by the establishment by the Presbyterians of the Statesville Female College.]

*Minutes of the Wachovia Provinzial Helfer Conferenz in Salem  
For the Year 1856.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 10.*

2. With regard to the Wachovia Provincial and Preparatory Synod which is to be held this year, it was resolved to convene the same on Monday, April 28, at 2 P.M., this also in accordance with the wishes expressed by the pastors of the rural congregations. In the circular on this subject, which is to be prepared for notifying the congregations, they are to be called upon to elect their delegates according to the provisions laid down by synod, namely: Salem 6; Friedberg 3; Bethania 2; Friedland 2; Hope, Bethabara, and New Philadelphia 1 each. It was also resolved to notify the P.A.C. in Bethlehem as to the time of our Provincial Synod's convening, so that visitors may be sent from there to it.

3. The P.H.C. then had a lengthy discussion on the subject of the Cherokee mission with Br. A. E. Welfare, who had come for this purpose. It is Br. Welfare's opinion that, if a suitable brother were called as missionary, the prospects for this mission

could more likely be considered encouraging. Br. G. Bishop does not appear to be liked by the Indians, since they falsely ascribe unworthy designs to him in the manner of the Indians with their characteristic mistrust. Both of the interpreters are men with irreproachable conduct. Wilson at Canaan and Mt. Zion is able to express himself quite fluently. Archie Henry understands English only to a limited degree. Still, with the help of his wife he can translate an address into Indian. Br. Welfare further stated that in his view the Cabin Creek proposal might lead to a new opening for our missionaries.

After Br. Welfare had left again

4. a letter from our Indian Br. George Hicks was discussed; it had been received on December 17, 1855, though it had reached Detroit as early as August 6, 1855. This letter contained a formal charge against Br. Bishop to the effect that he had forfeited the confidence of the Indians by his actions. However, no evidence of any consequence was adduced to support the justness of this charge.

5. Since the horse belonging to the pastor at Bethania has become almost useless due to its age, a new one will have to be secured by the W.S.D.

*Feb. 21.*

2. Since a number of members of the Salem congregation have provided the means of support for a home missionary who is to be active in the vicinity of Salem and these members wish to employ Br. A. E. Welfare in this capacity, the P.H.C. sanctioned this.

4. A letter from the Inspector of Nazareth Hall contains a favorable report regarding Theoph. Haman and recommends him as being qualified for advanced study. Consequently, the P.H.C. approved this boy's entering the preparatory class at Nazareth.

5. A letter had been received from Br. E. J. Mock with the diary and report of Canaan for the year 1855. A letter had also been received from Br. Bishop, which contained the decision of their mission conference as opposing a removal to Grand River or Cabin Creek because the prospects there did not appear to justify such a step. It also contained proposals regarding necessary repairs to the buildings at Canaan and the construction of a new log house for use as a meeting hall. The P.H.C. was of the opinion that, in view of the synod and the impending changes in

the Cherokee mission, only the most necessary repairs should be made to the mission house and kitchen at Canaan at this time, but that the construction of a new house should not be undertaken.

*April 17.*

4. The P.H.C. discussed the wish which Br. Saml. Warner had expressed in a letter received some time ago. He had desired to know the opinion of the P.H.C. as to whether it would be possible and desirable for him to attend theological lectures so as to secure better preparation for his mission service, for he was painfully aware of his lack of the most essential attainments in his position as teacher and missionary. Since it was not known whether there would be any opportunity for Br. Warner to attend lectures, further discussion was postponed until there would be occasion of obtaining information from Br. Jacobson at the time of his forthcoming visit.

5. It seemed desirable to the P.H.C. to have such deacons as serve our congregations or who share in other ways in conducting services ordained as presbyters by Br. Jacobson. Since Br. S. T. Pfohl has served congregations with the word and sacrament through the years, the offer is also to be made to him, even though it was to be anticipated that he would hardly agree to this in his present circumstances. (This the outcome later proved to be the case.) The following deacons of the Moravian church would, therefore, come into consideration for ordination as presbyters: Br. Robert Schweinitz, Lewis Rights, and M. E. Grunert. In case Br. Jacob Siewers of Mt. Bethel should attend the synod, he would also be included in the list.

*May. 19.*

2. The Wachovia Provincial Synod which convened on April 28 concluded its sessions on May 13 in a splendid spirit of fraternal love. God willing, following the Pennsylvania Provincial Synod which is to be held in the fall of this year, it is to reconvene to attend to the affairs which are the concern of the General Synod.

3. The main purpose of our session today was that of taking up with Br. Jacobson the possibility of our vacant rural congregations securing help from the Northern Province. Following a detailed discussion, it appeared that in Br. Jacobson's opinion no help can be counted on at present from that quarter.

In further reference to the wish which Br. Saml. Warner had expressed—to prepare himself further in the theological seminary for his calling—Br. Jacobson reported that by the end of June the theological class would have finished its studies and that no new class would be formed this year.

5. Since Br. and Sr. John Chapman Cooke arrived here quite unexpectedly from the West Indies, it was decided that they should be offered Friedland as a place of residence since there is no dwelling available at Salem. Br. Cooke would like very much to have an appointment, but the P.H.C. could not venture to employ this brother and sister without further ado in view of Br. Cooke's poor health and our complete lack of experience with them, and also in view of the fact that the references about them which we have received from the U.A.C. rather seem to warn us against giving them an appointment.

*July 31.*

4. Br. Lewis Right's son has been attending school in Salem since the beginning of July, in accordance with an earlier resolution of the P.H.C.

5. In view of the fact that Br. Kluge, on behalf of the Mission Department, provides Br. and Sr. J. C. Cooke with a good character reference in his letter of July 6 and of its being very desirable to fill the Friedland vacancy permanently so soon as possible, and Br. and Sr. Cooke seem to have settled down well at that place, the P.H.C. would have been prepared to give this Br. and Sr. the appointment to Friedland today, except for well-founded misgivings as to the state of Br. Cooke's health. He might be forced to lay down his office again, possibly after a short term of service. Before we offer an appointment to this brother and sister, therefore, it was decided first to await the Mission Department's promise that in case of their retirement, Br. and Sr. Cooke would be pensioned by the Missions Diac.

6. The P.H.C. discussed the increase in the pensions of retired brethren and sisters which has become necessary. The \$160 per annum for a married couple and \$60.00 for a widow are insufficient, because for a number of years the difference in prices between the North and here has almost entirely disappeared. A married couple ought to receive at least \$200 and a widow \$75.00 per annum; in view of free housing, which is provided here, this would approximately equal the pension paid to missionaries retired in Pennsylvania. We shall recommend to the U.A.C. this increase in the pension of missionaries.

*Aug. 25.* Br. Robert Schweinitz attending.

The purpose of our meeting today was that of giving the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School an opportunity to submit the annual report and balance sheet of this institution. The surplus shown in the accounts from June 1, 1855, to May 31, 1856, amounts to the very considerable sum of \$14,557.42 and was allocated as follows:

a. The Wachovia Sust. Diac.	\$ 1,000.00
b. Furniture, for the purchase of pianos and the furnishings for the new dining hall and chapel	1,957.42
c. Building account	11,000.00
d. Repairs	200.00
e. Beds	200.00
f. The God's Acre fence, \$100; the removal of the Odd Fellows' Hall, \$100	200.00
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	\$14,557.42

Br. Robert Schweinitz reported that he had paid out about \$31,500 in the building account, as a result of which the new main building had been fully paid for, together with its furnishings. Nevertheless, the repairs to the old buildings, the construction of the dining hall and chapel, and also putting the courtyards in order, etc., would still require a considerable amount. The need to appoint a permanent, and if possible a married, music teacher was also discussed, and the P.H.C. expressed the hope that the Inspector might soon be successful in finding a suitable person.

*Sept. 22.*

3. The P.H.C. agreed that so soon as we should receive news of the U.A.C.'s approval of our conditions regarding the pensioning of Br. and Sr. Cooke, they should be given an appointment to take charge of Friedland and also be responsible for the congregation at Philadelphia.

4. Jacob Siewers, the son of our Br. and Sr. J. Siewers at Mt. Bethel, is to attend school in Salem at the expense of our Sust. Diac.

5. In this connection, it was decided that the Sust. Diac. is to be responsible for the board and tuition of those sons of ministers in rural charges who attend school in Salem and that the parents be granted \$25.00 per annum in addition for their cloth-

ing, so that the entire outlay for a child would amount to approximately \$125 per annum.

*Oct. 24.*

2. A letter from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated September 7 and received on the 30th, brought the information:

a. That the U.A.C. had agreed to our request regarding the pensioning of Br. and Sr. Cooke, and that it

b. Sanctions the increase in the pensions of the retired missionaries, so that as of July 1, 1856, a married couple will receive \$200 and widows \$75.00 per annum.

4. It was resolved to increase the pensions of the retired brethren and sisters who receive them from the Wachovia S.D. in the same manner as those of retired missionaries, effective from December 1, 1856.

5. Br. L. T. Reichel was appointed by the Wachovia P.H.C. as a member of the committee on a new English liturgy book in accordance with the resolution of the Pennsylvania Provincial Synod.

6. The reconvening of the Wachovia Provincial Synod, which had been adjourned in May until the fall, was set for Monday, November 10, at 10 A.M.

7. It was thought best to postpone our reply regarding the incorporation of the Wachovia P.H.C., which had been referred to the P.H.C. by our Provincial Synod, until the Provincial Synod which would be held following the General Synod, because not until then would we have any certainty regarding our future constitution.

8. The salary of the president of the P.H.C., which is paid by the Wachovia S.D., and the salary of the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School were increased from \$400 to \$600 per annum, effective October 1, 1856. This is a necessary step in view of the fact that the prices of all things essential for life have more than doubled during the last years, and, consequently, the salaries of the Salem congregation ministers have already been increased in this same way.

9. It was resolved further to have the Wachovia S.D. acquire wagon equipment for Br. Cooke's use.

*Oct. 31.*

The reason for our meeting today was to enable us to consider a letter, dated October 10, which had been addressed by the

teachers of the Girls' Boarding School to the Inspector and the Trustees. In it they apply for an increase in their salary in view of the added work resulting from the large number of boarders. Following a detailed discussion, it was agreed that effective with the next payday the salary of \$8.00 every four weeks shall be raised to \$9.00 without a change of any kind in the other items which were established years ago as belonging to their salary.

*Nov. 18.*

Since another communication addressed to the P.H.C. had been received from the teachers of the Girls' Boarding School, in which the latter request an increase in their salary to \$10.00 every four weeks and endeavor to explain their grounds for this, the P.H.C. discussed this with Br. Robert Schweinitz. Finally it resolved to set the sum of \$10.00 for the time being as salary for every four weeks. Br. Emil. Schweinitz was asked to draw up a letter in the name of the P.H.C. as a reply. Following a consideration of the desirability of appointing a teacher in classics and mathematics and after the Inspector's departure,

1. the minutes of October 24 and 31 were reviewed.

2. Br. Cooke at Friedland states that he is unable to serve the congregation at Philadelphia during the winter because his health has not as yet been sufficiently restored for this. The P.H.C. had to be content with this statement.

4. As commissioned by the Wachovia Provincial Synod, which met on November 10 and 11, the minutes of its last session, on the afternoon of November 11, were reviewed. Another commission it had given was also discussed tentatively. This was to the effect that, if possible, steps were to be taken in all of the rural congregations to have the salaries of the pastors raised by voluntary contributions from the members, and not, as has been the case in some, by fixed and inadequate contributions.

5. It was observed that if Br. Emil Schweinitz should attend the synod in an ex officio capacity, he should be considered the representative of the Wachovia P.H.C.

6. On November 17 the congregation council of the Salem congregation voted by a constitutional majority of more than two-thirds of the members present to approve the amendments to the Salem congregational regulations which the Salem A.C. and Aufs. Coll. had proposed as early as in February of this year.

Thus it also approved the abrogation of the lease system, which was involved in this, and provided for the introduction in Salem of the holding of town lots in fee simple. Therefore, the P.H.C. ratified this decision and gave its sanction to the proposed amendments.

7. Br. Thos. L. Spaugh, treasurer of the congregation at Bethabara, has submitted a statement regarding the costs of repairing the church tower, etc. According to it, \$29.59 remains unprovided for after the payment of all materials, of wages and food for those who worked on it. Since he is unable to raise this sum by means of increased contributions from the membership, the P.H.C. resolved to have payment made by the Wachovia S.D. The Brn. Spaugh and Hauser, however, promise to be entirely responsible on their part for other minor but necessary repairs.

*Dec. 22.*

4. As regards the appointment at Philadelphia of the Methodist preacher, Thomas Frye, which he and the members of the Philadelphia congregation desire, the P.H.C. reached the resolution not to enter into this matter at all, since Frye is not a member of the Moravian church. There was no objection for the present to Frye's preaching on occasion at Philadelphia.

5. As regards increasing the stipends provided for the children of ministers, it was resolved to let this matter lie over until the next Provincial Synod.

6. It was further resolved to have the Sust. Diac. grant \$50.00 each to the Brn. Grunert and L. Rights for the year that is about to close, as a subsidy needed by them to make both ends meet.

*Minutes of the Aufseher Collegium in Salem For the Year 1856.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 14. Absent Br. Cooper.*

1. Various comments were made regarding paragraph 7 in them [the minutes of the previous session] which referred to Sr. Eberhardt's post, and Br. and Sr. Augustus Fockel were suggested as persons perhaps suited for it. However, we were not ready as yet to reach a decision regarding this.

2. A change has been made in the management of the Town School for Little Boys to require it to be self-supporting in fu-

ture; consequently, any deficit that may arise is not to be met by the Gem. Diac., as in the past. Therefore, the Col. considers it to be equitable to have the Gem. Diac. pay to the treasurer of the school the school fees due for those little boys whose parents are rendering service to the Salem congregation. Formerly such children were not charged any tuition.

3. The Single Br. Edwin Clemons applies for a town lot bordering to the south on Geo. Folz's. For the present he wishes to construct a smithy and a stable for his post-horses on it. The Col. grants his request with the understanding that the lot should have a frontage of 100 feet and a depth extending to Br. Nath. Vogler's field. It also recommends that he build his smithy of brick with a fireproof roof. He will have to compensate the mill company for this lot in accordance with its lease, since it now rents this meadow.

4. The Col. also granted the Single Br. Edward Ackerman's application for the town lot which borders on Jul. Kern's to the north.

5. It was further announced that Aug. Zevely had rented his tavern to John Beeker, a non-Moravian. In this connection, the comment was made by a member of the Col. that it is said that James Hall too had rented several rooms in his new house at the corner of the square to Dr. Samuel Martin, who also does not belong to us. At the same time Br. Jacob Fulkerson applies for permission to rent a portion of the former Warner house to the tailor Peter Wilson, who likewise does not belong to us. The latter, however, is not to move into it himself, but would have his business operated by a certain Dock Brown who would occupy it with his family and his journeymen.

The Col. had to admit that both of the former cases represent obvious violations of our settlement congregation regulations, since not merely rooms, but even a large, spacious house in our community plus extensive stables have been arbitrarily turned over to non-Moravians without prior permission having been secured from the proper authorities. The Col., however, has again to confess, as in so many cases before this, that it alone is unable to enforce rules and regulations if the members of the congregation do not render *voluntary* compliance to these rules. To depend upon forceful measures to deal with every breach of them, even supposing that such were available, could perhaps ultimately lead to more harm for the congregation than benefit. In Br. Fulkerson's case, who has acted entirely in accordance

with the regulations, we did not believe we could give an affirmative reply since we are not authorized to permit non-Moravians to operate a business in the community.

The Col. resolved to lay these items on the table—and to meet next Thursday evening to consider the matter of the trust, the decision regarding which would affect this and similar items.

*Jan. 17. Absent Br. Elias Vogler.*

1. The minutes of the preceding session were first read and approved and thereupon it was observed, in reference to paragraphs 3 and 4, that the Col. had acted somewhat precipitately in approving the applications for the lots referred to in them, since Edwin Clemons, though a member of a neighboring congregation, should first have applied to unite with the local congregation. According to the rules, he ought also to have subscribed to the congregational regulations before a lot could have been given him. The latter applies also to the case of Br. Edwd. Ackerman.

2. Consideration was then given to the matter of the trust which covers the Salem Diaconie land. This was prefaced by a request on the part of the chairman that the members of the Col., in stating their opinions and views regarding this item, should so far as possible avoid all expressions which could cause a brother who might hold other views to feel himself insulted or hurt. At the same time he asked them not to be inclined to take affront at statements which had not been intended to be offensive, though they might perhaps be somewhat inconsiderate.

In beginning the discussion, the chairman then read the historical introduction to the will of the late Br. Fr. W. Marschall and also that part of the same which refers to the Salem land. Then he communicated the questions which he had addressed to Bartholemew F. Moore together with the latter's extensive opinion and view (covering 17 pages). The essence of this is that, in his opinion, the trust presents no obstacle to the town lots being held in fee simple and that a deed executed by the proprietor for such lots as were sold would be legally valid. (*Note:* All of these documents are preserved among the papers of the Wachovia Administration.)

*Jan. 21. All members present.*

It had mainly been the intention of the Col. on the present occasion to discuss the sections of our congregational regulations which deal with the ownership of houses and the possession of town lots. Nevertheless, it was thought advisable to examine

all of the congregational regulations in the form in which they had been revised in 1850. Therefore, they were read aloud from the beginning, but in the first 4 sections nothing appeared to require attention.

Regarding *Section V, paragraph 3*, which reads as follows: "Every member of the congregation is bound to abstain from undertaking any thing, which might prove injurious to the spiritual or temporal welfare of another," it was observed that it was phrased very loosely and, therefore, was subject to any interpretation one might choose. The Col. therefore repeated the proposal it had made already in 1850, that it be deleted.

Regarding *Paragraph 4*: "Should anyone persist in transgressing the rules & regulations of the congregation, or even prove guilty of seducing others, such an one is to be excluded from the congregation; & in the latter case, if possible, to be removed from this place," the Col. recommends the omission of the latter part which refers to removal from the community, and also of the word "even" in the first part of it. The reason for this [recommendation] is the fact that this regulation has become a dead letter, not merely at the present time but for a number of years, since its enforcement had been complicated by so many and such various considerations that the cases in which it was actually applied were very rare indeed.

*Paragraph 6.* The last sentence: "No marriage among us shall be concluded without the consent of the Elders' Conference" should read in future: "No marriage among us shall be concluded without giving previous information of it to the Elders' Conference; and as a general rule the minister of the congregation shall perform the ceremony."

Regarding *Paragraph 7*, which deals with the education of our children, the observation was made that it is to be regretted that our members do not conform to it more generally, since quite a few parents appear to be too indifferent about the behaviour of their children and allow them very unbecoming liberties, and in general fail to be as vigilant over them as their parental duty demands. In connection with this paragraph, the duty of slaveowners to urge their dependents to attend the services was also discussed.

*Jan. 24. Absent Br. Charles Cooper.*

At the outset the minutes of the preceding session were read, and at the same time the portion dealing with paragraph 6 was slightly amended.

Furthermore, the suggestion was made that the last part of paragraph 4 should be deleted. However, no further action will be taken regarding this paragraph for the time being, since everything depends on whether the lease system will be maintained.

Since the subsequent paragraphs from Num. 8 to Num. 14 inclusive are based entirely upon the lease system, with the exception of the 11th and 12th, they were all read aloud. They occasioned a general and detailed exchange of ideas regarding these regulations, which, however, did not lead to any definite actions at this time.

*Jan. 28. All members present.*

Then there followed another free discussion of the paragraphs under consideration. In it the general admission was made that the provisions contained in them had not really been followed to the letter for years. Moreover, if one should try to compel compliance with them by force, that is chiefly by giving warning of the cancellation of the lease, the Gemein Diakonie in its present condition would be totally unable to carry this out, since it lacks the means to do so. Thus in reality these regulations had become dead letters years ago. It was realized further that for a number of years now the state of affairs in regard to the continued preservation of the congregational settlement or—what might in some sense have the same significance—of the lease system had become, if not entirely impracticable, yet at least so involved in difficulties and deficiencies that under the present state of affairs one would yield to a delusion—though one which many find pleasure in cherishing—if one would consider this still to be a true congregational settlement. This development had been brought about by regulations being rescinded due to the force of circumstances at the time—e.g. the regulations regarding negroes and the abolition of monopolies; also by the expansion and extension of trade and commerce; also as a result of the construction of a whole list of buildings, some of them being of considerable size; and also by allocating a great many town lots during the past 25 to 30 years.

These and similar comments finally resulted in the Col.'s appointing a committee, consisting of the Brn. Pfahl, Fr. Fries, and Thod. Kühln, which is to put the opinion of the Col. on this subject into the form of "resolutions," which are then to be submitted to the Col. in its next session for adoption or rejection.

*Jan. 31. Absent Br. H. Leinbach.*

[1.] The committee which had been appointed in accordance with the preceding minutes then submitted to the Col. the "resolutions" which it had drafted. They and the introduction to them were carefully examined, and after some alterations they were adopted unanimously, with the exception of *one* vote in opposition to the 2nd resolution.

This introduction and these resolutions as amended and adopted by the Col. are as follows:

Whereas the Rules & Regulations laid down in Chapter V, paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 13 & 14 of the "Rules & Regulations of the Congregation of the United Brethren at Salem," are of such a nature that it cannot be reasonably expected that they will be observed in their full intent & meaning for any length of time to come—judging from the following facts:

That they firstly have not been strictly & literally observed heretofore.

Secondly that some of them are of such a nature as to render it questionable whether the law of the land would sustain us in enforcing them, in case the authorities of the Congregation should desire to do so.

And furthermore the enforcing of them in a great measure depends (if not voluntarily observed by the members of the Congregation) upon a determination [termination?] of the lease & subsequent removal not only of the delinquent, but also, as the case may be, of his innocent wife & children; a measure which in most instances would render these rules odious in the eyes of many members of the Congregation, & would draw after it most lamentable consequences for the spiritual welfare of the Congregation, by inflaming the minds of members against each other.

And considering moreover that owing to the considerable increase of the number of houses & lots in the town of Salem within the last 25 or 30 years, the obligations of the Congregation Diacony have on the one hand greatly increased while it has during the same time sustained heavy lapses, whereby its means have been greatly diminished; it has now become a matter of utter impossibility to buy any number of houses, especially if they are buildings of considerable size & value—houses which, if bo't by it—owing to the restrictions at present imposed upon the sale of such property in Salem, might remain in the hands of the Diacony.

And considering further that we already have a considerable population living in our midst, not members of our Congregation, whereby the original idea of a Town-Congregation (Orts-Gemeine) or place where the members of our community, unmixed by others, could build themselves up in their most holy faith, has for a number of years already been lost sight of.

And considering further that within the last 25 years, compelled by the force of circumstances, a number of rules & regulations in-

tended for the upholding of the original system, have been abolished by the Congregation Council (Gemein-Rath) thereby rendering the retention of that system still more precarious.

And whereas further a stronger & more determined disinclination manifests itself in a considerable portion of the members of the Congregation, to be governed by rules & regulations which, strictly observed & carried out, would interfere with their temporal concerns, & deprive them in some degree at least of that free & untrammelled action so necessary to the successful pursuit of business.

And whereas further it is the opinion of the Town-Committee that we for some time already have contented ourselves with the shadow [sic] after the spirit of the system had departed.

Therefore be it Resolved that the Town Committee is of the opinion that the Rules & Regulations contained in Chapter V paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 13 & 14 should be stricken out.

And whereas after the abolishing of the above named rules no benefit could result from the further retention of the lease system.

Therefore Resolved further that the Town Committee recommend that in future, lots in the town of Salem may be held in fee simple.

Resolved further that it be recommended that the Rules & Regulations of the Congregation at Salem be so amended & altered as to conform to the new state of things.

Having finished with the proposals quoted above, we did not think we needed to proceed further with the revision of the congregational regulations, but resolved to meet again in 8 days time, after the Aeltesten Conferenz will have considered the matter.

2. In connection with this matter, the Col. resolved not to allocate any more town lots until these items which are now under consideration will have been settled.

3. Thomas Siddall, a married man and until now a member of the Episcopal church, applies for membership in the local congregation. The Col. has no objection to his uniting with it.

4. Br. Lewis Belo gave notice that he had transferred his out-lot along Belews Creek Street to Br. Bahnsen.

*Feb. 7. All present.*

The minutes of the preceding session having been read, Br. H. Leinbach, who had not attended the preceding session, stated that he agreed with the resolutions then adopted.

1. As an item introduced by the Aeltst. Confz., it was stated that the Single Br. Henry Washington Shore, who has resided in the town for years and also was confirmed here, applies for membership in the local congregation. The Col. had no objection since it knows him to be a reputable person.

2. Since the preceding session of the Col., the Aeltesten Confz. has considered the "resolutions" adopted by the Col. on January 31st. Being in agreement with them, it has resolved to convene the congregation council next Monday evening so that they may there be discussed.

Thereupon the Col. unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas misunderstandings & doubts might arise concerning the true intent & meaning of the amendments to the Rules & Regulations of the Congregation, proposed & recommended by the Town Committee (Aufs. Col.) in the Preamble & Resolutions passed by it on Jan. 31, 1856 & adopted by the Elders Conference on Febr. 6, 1856,

Therefore be it resolved, that for the better understanding of the same, the plain meaning of the proposed amendment is embodied under the following general heads:

- 1, The *present* lease holders in Salem shall not be disturbed in their present lease tenure.
- 2, Henceforth *no leases* for town lots in Salem shall be granted —(provided that no one to whom a town-lot has heretofore been granted for which he has not yet received a lease, be hereby denied the privilege of obtaining one[ ]) ;—& 6 months additional time be allowed to such applicants for lots who have not yet improved them.
- 3, Whenever henceforth application is made for an unoccupied town-lot, the applicant shall be required to pay for the same such price or sum as shall be fixed upon, on just & equitable terms, by the proper authorities; & upon payment of such sum he shall receive a Deed for the same.
- 4, Whenever henceforth a change occurs in the ownership of a house, it shall be required of the new owner to purchase the fee of the lot on which such house or property is situated, according to the principles laid down in No. 3.
- 5, Henceforth any lease holder in Salem, may purchase the fee of his lot, according to No. 3.
- 6, All rules & regulations now in force in the congregation of Salem which are not erased, altered & modified by the proposed amendments, are & shall remain in full force & virtue.  
(see paragraph 2 of the Conclusion of the Rules.)

And be it further resolved, that, according to our existing Rules & Regulations, provided the proposed amendments be adopted by a constitutional majority of the Congregation Council (Gemein-Rath), such amendments cannot become effective until the sanction of the Provincial Helpers Conference & the Unity's Elders Conference has been obtained thereto.

3. The contract of sale of the Salem Gemein Diaconie land, executed on May 1, 1826, between the proprietor and the mem-

bers of the Salem boards then in office, was then communicated. In this connection attention was drawn chiefly to the fact that in it the Salem Gem. Diac. is obligated to contribute according to its ability to the needs of the Wachovia Sustentation Account.

*Feb. 18. Absent Br. W. Petersen.*

In connection with various congregation councils held last week, in which the matter of the local congregational settlement and lease systems were discussed, the congregational council desired additional information, particularly regarding the price intended to be placed on town lots. Since, however, the Col. had not as yet taken up this consideration, it now had met to reach an agreement regarding it.

At the outset the Col. established the following principles:

1. If the head of a family who has held his lot under lease should bequeath his house to his wife (widow), she is to be permitted to keep the lot under lease during her lifetime; after her death, however, it is to be dealt with under provision Num. 4.

2. The prices that are to be set on town lots at this time apply only to such lots which are already occupied or have been allocated to someone, and are not to be applied to any other lots.

3. To avoid difficulties in the case of the sale of one of these lots, it will be assumed that the buildings which stand along the fences that divide lots and at established corners designate the boundary of the lot. At the sale, the extent of such a lot is to be determined thereby and not in accordance with the measurements contained in the lease. This means that every lot must be resurveyed when sold.

Having established the above-mentioned principles [the Col.] proceeded to further consideration of this matter. It agreed that in view of the conspicuous differences in the size of the lots, their area would be the only guide line one could follow in determining their price.

To let the location of the lots influence the price to some degree, the following classification of the lots was agreed upon:

*Class 1.* All lots along the main street, from Br. Ad. Butner's and Br. Traugott Leinbach's (inclusive) as far as Henry Meinung's shop lot and that of Br. Hartwig also included, and also all of the lots lying on the square. However, since the lots south of the Widows' House, including Br.

Butner's, have a depth of 396 feet, they shall be considered as belonging to the first class only to a depth of 200 feet from the main street; the portion lying behind that is to be dealt with like the lots of the 3rd class. The price of the lots of the first class is to be calculated at \$5.00 per 1,000 square feet.

*Class 2.* Those from Alanson Wohlfahrt's and Henry Meinung's house lot (inclusive) as far as Winston—also the lots of Sr. Elis. Conrad, John Siewers, and the widow Elisab. Rights. The price of the 2nd class, \$4.00 per 1,000 square feet.

*Class 3.* All other lots in town—including the lots of the Brn. C. D. Kühln, George Folz, Tim. Vogler, etc., along the main street in the southern section of the town. The price of the 3rd class, \$2.50 per 1,000 square feet. For the present this plan is to be weighed further prior to its actual adoption. It is to be reconsidered in the next session.

*Feb. 25.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper and Theod. Kühln.

At the outset the minutes of the preceding session were read and adopted, following several amendments in section 3.

1. As an item introduced by the Aeltst. Confz., it was stated that James Payne, a married man belonging to the Methodist church, wishes to unite with the congregation. Since the Col. is not at all acquainted with him, it would prefer to express no opinion regarding his application for the time being.

2. The Col. is agreeable to having Br. George Folz's lot enlarged westward as far as Br. Nath. Vogler's field and to have it surveyed on his behalf.

3. Two deposits in charge of the Gem. Diac., which together amount to \$6,200, must be paid off by the middle of the year. Since, however, it is hardly to be expected that this can be done out of the current income of the Diac., the Col. authorizes the Gem. Vorsteher to borrow capital funds at 5%; or, in the one case, should those concerned agree to this, to increase the interest rate of 4½% now paid on this deposit.

*April 7.* Absent Br. F. Fries and W. Petersen.

1. The preceding minutes having been read, James Payne's application for membership in the congregation was again discussed. The Aufs. Col., however, was of the opinion that one should not be precipitate in receiving him or in readmitting his wife. . . .

2. The Col. had no objection to the reception in the local congregation of William and Jane (m. n. Strub) Miller, who live in Winston. He is a communicant member at Bethabara and she had been a member of the local congregation prior to her marriage and removal to Indiana. Further, it is agreeable to having the following persons, some of whom were baptized as adults on Palm Sunday and others confirmed, now considered to be members of the local congregation, since all of them have lived in town for years and are sufficiently well known: namely, John Veach, Luther Winchester, Henry Barrow, Daniel Crouse, Rowan Pinkston, Christina Parnel, and Susan and Angelina Geiger.

3. In connection with its review of last year's accounts of the congregation and of the Single Sisters' diaconies, the Unitae Vorsteher Collegium has raised the question with the Col. whether the practice of having no interest paid on the deposits taken over by the Gem. Diac. in connection with the debt of the factory could be considered entirely equitable—especially in view of the fact that part of them belonged to the Single Sisters' Poor Fund? The Col. postponed discussion of this question to a later date.

4. The application of the nonresident Widowed Sr. Martha Griffin to rent the room formerly occupied by Sr. Schuster on the 2nd floor of the Widows' House and to occupy it with her family (consisting of 2 sons and 2 daughters) cannot be granted by the Col. The reason for this is that the rest of the residents in the house would be considerably inconvenienced thereby; indeed, it is the opinion [of the Col.] that widows having so many children should not be admitted to this house.

Another application for the same living quarters made by Sr. Schuman on behalf of her sister, the Single Sr. Lisette Schulz, was postponed indefinitely by the Col. because the latter is at Bethlehem at present and will not return until late in the fall.—Similarly, no action was taken on the application of the daughters of the Widowed Sr. Beckel, who really belongs to Friedberg, to rent on her behalf the room which Sr. Juliana Eberhardt formerly occupied.

5. In reply to an inquiry from the school committee, the Col. went on record as relinquishing the school building for little boys in its entirety for school purposes, the Col. not claiming the right to rent the rooms on the lower floor. However, it advises the committee not to do so either, because by doing so it would merely lay itself open to importunities in future.

6. Br. Francis Meller presented the following 3 requests regarding the shop which he rents:

1st That the space beneath it should be enclosed and a fireplace and small bakeoven be constructed there to enable him to produce his confections and small pastries there. Thus he would no longer be compelled to do this in his home and have to leave his shop while doing so; or

2nd That an addition of some 12 feet be also added to the west end so as to gain space for a larger salesroom; or

3rd That such an addition be constructed plus the changes listed under Num. 1 and then a 2nd story be erected over the whole house. He would be willing to undertake all of these alterations himself; the Gem. Diac. should then agree to reimburse him, whenever he would give up his shop, for his share of the costs of the building in an amount which would be determined without delay.

The Col. is unable to approve any of these alterations and adheres to the first agreement, that no such fireplaces be constructed there as are contemplated in this plan.

7. Br. Peter Fetter gives notice that he has sold his dwelling house and the other buildings on his lot to the Single Br. Orestes Kühln. The Col. gives its approval to this transaction.

*April 21. Absent the Brn. F. Fries and C. Cooper.*

1. At the request of the school committee, the Col. again gave consideration to the resolution dealing with the school building for little boys because the school committee would like to allow Br. and Sr. Lewis Hein to occupy the lower rooms in the building. In addition to their looking after the building at times when no school is held, they are to take care of sweeping and cleaning it and also of making fire in the rooms during the winter. Wages for such work could be met by means of the rent for the rooms. —The Col. has no objection to such an arrangement and also gives up any claim on the income from these rooms in favor of the school committee, with the understanding, however, that the school committee itself shall be responsible for the small (current) repairs to the house (e.g. windowpanes, repairs to the roof, the fences, and all arrangements connected with the renting of these premises).

2. The Single Br. Sandford Schneider (hitherto considered a member of Friedberg) who, however, has lived in Salem ever since his childhood and who was confirmed here this year, applies

for membership in this congregation. The Col. has no reason to oppose his being received.

3. Br. Adam Butner would like to buy a corner of the Salem land which lies between Br. Jac. Rothaas's land and that of Sr. Catharina Wohlfahrt. The Col. is not inclined for the time being to engage in the sale of land, but prefers to await the final outcome of the lease affair.

4. Discussion followed as to the best use of the stones that had been removed from the paving in the lower portion of the town. We were of the opinion that they could serve in the construction of a kind of wall on both sides of the elevated road in the lower portion of the town, which undertaking, however, would be a matter for the Plank Road Company. These stones would be turned over to it without charge for this purpose.

*May 19.* All present.

1. The minutes of the two preceding sessions were first read and then paragraph 3 of those of April 7 was discussed. It [deals with] the debts owed by the cotton factory to the Single Srs.' House and assumed by the Gem. Diac., for which no interest is being paid. The Col. did not consider itself able to alter the decision it had originally reached not to pay any interest; otherwise the Gem. Diac. would simply be encumbered with a new burden which, under the present conditions, it could hardly bear.

2. The request of Sr. Schuman, which had been repeated, to rent on behalf of her sister the room in the Widows' House referred to under paragraph 4 in the minutes of April 7 was refused. For one cannot agree to rent to single sisters that house which is intended for *widows* just because there is no current application from a widow to occupy a room that has become vacant; moreover, a special house has been provided for single sisters, in which said sister could be accommodated.

3. The Col. then discussed filling the post of Sr. Catharina Eberhardt as Aufseherin in the domestic establishment of the Single Sisters' House and reached agreement to have Br. Allen Spach assume charge of the kitchen with the assistance of the Widowed Sr. Elisabeth James (who has been employed there for a number of years).

4. The Single Br. Joseph Hall has transferred his town lot (bordering to the north on that of Br. Edwd. Leinbach), on which as yet no building has been erected, to the Single Br.

Julius Micke, who wishes to build a dwelling for himself upon it. The Col. herewith approves this exchange.

5. It was resolved to enlarge the ditch which is located at Br. W. Boner's shop and then cover it with boards for the entire width of the street because it is too small now and often gets stopped up.

*June 2.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper, Theod. Kühln, and W. Petersen.

1. The Vorsteher announced that 3 bequests, of \$100 each, had been left to him as trustee by the late Widowed Sr. Rebecca Schober and had now been paid him by her executors. They are in favor of the Salem Poor Fund, the Salem God's Acre, and the God's Acre of the congregation at Hope; however, only the interest accruing from them may be used. He has deposited this money at 5% in the Salem Saving Institute.

2. It appears desirable that either lead or iron pipes should be laid from Br. Fries's store as far as the cistern at Br. Lewis Belo's lot, since the present conduit is so deep, due to the elevation of the street, that great difficulty is met with in repairing it. Consequently, preliminary inquiries are to be made as to the current prices for such pipes.

3. Mr. John Hill would like to buy a piece of land of 140 acres, belonging to the Gem. Diac. and lying in Stokes County, which adjoins his. The Col. is willing to comply with his request and, therefore, will make inquiry as to the price at which land is sold in that area.

4. The Widowed Sr. Catharina Eberhardt would like to rent the room in the Widows' House which the town girls have recently used. The Col. grants her request.

5. The Gem. Diac. has paid Br. Jacob Fulkerson \$66.50 in rent for the house which Br. and Sr. Andr. Lewis occupied during the period of his local school service. It is to be hoped that the Girls' Boarding School will repay this money because this dwelling had to be rented due to the Boarding School's occupying the Little Boys' schoolhouse at that time.

*July 31.* Absent the Brn. Lewis Belo and Wm. Petersen.

At the outset the minutes of the preceding session were read, and it was then stated in this connection that Mr. John Hill had bought the land referred to in paragraph 3 at \$1.00 an acre

—and that the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School had repaid the rent for the Warner house to the Gem. Diac.

1. Since the rainwater cistern on the square is the worse for wear, steps must be taken to construct another one. It is to be placed nearer to the school and Sisters' House buildings and be lined with brick and cement.

At the same time an effort will be made to put the square in better condition, and the Brn. Elias Vogler and Lewis Belo were named as a committee to take up this matter together with the Vorsteher.

2. Since water threatens to undermine the wall which had been constructed below Widow Wageman's lot, the ditch that runs along it is to be lined with masonry.

3. To meet the frequently repeated charge regarding the inadequate street lighting, it was resolved to make a trial of introducing the "burning fluid" commonly used at other places rather than linseed oil as customary hitherto. With this aim in view, a beginning is to be made by trying out about a dozen appropriate lamps.

4. In answer to an inquiry, the Col. stated that it was opposed to having timber on the Gem. Diac. land felled and sold.

5. The Col. discussed the feasibility of securing a special building, as near to the middle of town as possible, for a post office, which then could be rented to each successive postmaster. Various ideas were expressed on this subject—among them mainly whether the room in the building that stands on the Widows' House lot and is now used as a museum could not be secured for this purpose, provided one would be able to find some other premises for the museum which would be just as suitable. This led to the idea of moving the Odd Fellows' building, which stands on the square, to some other place, and then adapting its lower story for the museum. However, since the Col. does not have control of this building, the Brn. Vogler and Pfohl were commissioned provisionally to sound out the opinions of those concerned.

*Aug. 11. Absent Br. Chs. Cooper.*

1. With regard to paragraph 5 [of the preceding minutes] it was reported that the Young Men's Missionary Society, which owns the museum, had stated its willingness to give up its present premises if the lower story of the Odd Fellow Hall would be given it in exchange; however, they would wish to

have it fitted out according to their specifications. They would prefer, however, to retain their present premises. The Odd Fellows too raise no objection to the removal of their building, provided they incur no expense thereby. An attempt to collect funds to cover part of the cost of removing the latter building has failed, though several persons have indicated that they would not be unwilling to contribute to this cause.

Following a detailed discussion of this matter, a committee was appointed, composed of the Brn. Theod. Kühln, F. Fries, and Lewis Belo, to consider tentatively with the Vorsteher ways and means of bringing about the desired outcome and also to estimate the probable cost.

2. The married couple James and Emma Payne renew their application for membership in the congregation (see the minutes of April 7, 1856, paragraph 1). Since the Col. has no grounds for questioning the sincerity of their desire nor can anything be said against their present conduct, and there is reason to believe that they have undergone a change of heart, it approves the reception of this couple.

3. The ditch at Tim. Vogler's house needs to be repaired. This will be undertaken in the near future.

*Aug. 18. All present.*

[1.] At the outset the minutes of the preceding session were read and thereupon it was noted that since our last session a subscription in the amount of \$300 had been gathered for taking down the Odd Fellow building. Since, however, the cost of taking down and reconstructing this building will far exceed said sum, we were not ready to proceed to a vote on the matter in question, but instructed the committee which had been appointed in the last meeting to give further thought to the matter.

2. A member of the Col. drew attention to the salaries paid the persons who stand in the employ of the local congregation. He raised the question whether it would not perhaps be the time to consider whether these, as currently fixed, were adequate in view of the considerable rise in the cost of provisions at present. The Col. is willing to take up the consideration of this matter at some suitable time.

*Sept. 18. Absent the Brn. Theod. Kühln and Wm. Petersen.*

1. Thereupon the Col. examined the accounts of the preceding fiscal year, namely,

a. That of the Diac. of the Single Srs. Choir. This time it showed a surplus in the income from regular sources of \$663.58, to which should be added a bequest of the late Single Sr. Elisabeth Biwighaus' of \$305.01; therefore, a surplus of \$968.59.

b. The account of the Gem. Diac. showed an excess of expenditures of \$170.21 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

c. The statement of the civic and church account showed a surplus of \$132.78, which increased its credit balance to \$176.83 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

d. A surplus of \$6.25 appears in the account of the water-works, and the latter closes with a credit balance of \$295.84 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

e. The lovefeast account, on the other hand, shows an excess of expenditures of \$27.49, whereby its deficit is increased to \$94.52.

2. The Col. took the following action regarding the balance appearing in the Diac. of the Single Srs.: namely,

To liquidate the deficit of the Gem. Diac.	\$170.21 $\frac{3}{4}$
To liquidate the balance due in the furnace account	51.17
For the repair of the church and the new gallery, a contribution of	72.19
A gift to the Wachovia Sustentation	100.00
To write off an amount owed by the cotton factory on the books of the Single Srs. Diac.	60.00
Credited to the repair account	100.00
Credited to the house library	10.00
To the reserve fund	405.01 $\frac{1}{4}$
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	\$968.59

*Sept. 22.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper and Theod. Kühln.

After the minutes of the preceding session had been read and adopted, the consideration of premises for the post office was taken up again. The committee, which had been appointed at an earlier date, found the cost of removing the Odd Fellow Hall and of rebuilding it—and of adapting its lower story for the purposes of the museum—so considerable according to its estimate that, even thought it were desirable to remove it from its present site, it would not recommend loading the outlay upon the Gem. Diac. —An idea which it had then conceived of obtaining the museum for said purpose by having the Odd Fellows and the

Sons of Temperance share the use of the hall belonging to the former and then moving the museum into the present Temperance Hall failed to be approved by those concerned and therefore came to nothing.

Finally after lengthy discussion, the Col. agreed upon the following plan to meet the desire for suitable premises for the post office. The Col. is prepared to have the Gem. Diaconie expend \$400 for the construction of a post office building either on the little boys' schoolhouse lot or on the bank lot. Or it is prepared to pay the Young Men's Missionary Society the sum of \$400 to have it give over its share of the museum building, so that these premises could then be adapted for the post office, and would permit the Society to erect a building suitable for their purposes on the northwest corner of the little boys' school building lot. —Furthermore, if a congregation council, which is to be convened in the near future, approve having the Odd Fellow building taken down and rebuilt at the expense of the civic account, we are prepared to allocate the said site on the little boys' schoolhouse lot for this purpose.

*Sept. 23.* Absent the Brn. Lewis Belo, Wm. Petersen, and S. Thos. Pfohl.

The Col. discussed the salaries paid to the Salem ministers (see the minutes of August 18, 1856, paragraph 2), which have remained unchanged since the year 1836 (namely, \$400 per annum). The Col. was unanimously of the opinion that these should be increased, since living costs have risen by more than 50% during these last years. Following lengthy discussion, a majority decided that, effective October 1, the annual salaries of the Salem ministers will be increased by \$200. Arrangements regarding firewood, residence, etc., remain as in the past.

*Oct. 6.* Absent the Brn. E. A. Schweinitz (being away attending the synod of the Northern Province as a delegate), C. Cooper, and Theod. Kühl.

In the absence of the regular chairman, Br. S. Thos. Pfohl was temporarily appointed to take his place.

1. In regard to the negotiations concerning a building for a post office, it is to be noted that the congregation council has voted by a large majority as opposing the taking down and rebuilding of the Odd Fellow Hall at the cost of the civic account, but that the Young Men's Missionary Society has accepted the

offer made to it. The Society is prepared to vacate the museum without delay and with the \$400 offered it to erect a building on the designated site for the use of its museum. However, it would like to have the Gem. Diac. repair the pavement in front of the house, which the Col. also promises to do. The terms under which the building was constructed for the Sons of Temperance and the museum still apply to this new building (see the minutes of August 6, 1849, paragraph 1).

To adapt the former museum for post office use it will be necessary to run two wooden partitions through it, thus dividing it into 2 rooms and a central passage; a chimney also will have to be constructed at the north end. A written assurance has been received from the Post Office Department in Washington, which is at least semiofficial, according to which we can anticipate with more or less assurance that, if the town (or community) provide suitable quarters, the department would expect every postmaster to make use of them. Therefore, since we can hope that the arrangement would be a permanent one (in accordance with the letter inserted below—the original of which is preserved as a supplement of these minutes), we are prepared to have the necessary interior adjustments made at the expense of the Gem. Diac., such as letter boxes, counter compartments, etc. These fittings, however, will be taken into consideration in determining the annual rent that is to be asked.

Copy of a letter from Post Office Department, June 30, 1856.  
(Unofficial.)

Dear Sir! In answer to your inquiry whether this Department ever makes any permanent arrangement in a town like yours about a central locality for a Post Office, I have to state, that, in all cases, Postmasters are required to select the most central & convenient locations & keep their offices there until otherwise authorized by the Department. They are not permitted to change at pleasure.

Should the authorities of Salem build an office or provide suitable rooms, in a proper locality, & agree with the Postmaster as to the rent (which he must pay) there is no doubt as to the permanency of the arrangement, except such as may grow out of any probable change of sentiment on the subject. Neither the present, nor any future Postmaster would have the right to remove the office without first obtaining the sanction both of this Department & the citizens interested.

Respectfully &c  
A. N. Zevely.

P.S. I should yet add, that if any future P.M. should own or occupy a suitable house for a P.O. in a suitable locality, the Department would not require him to occupy the Town building.

A. N. Z.

F. Fries Esq.  
Salem, N. C.

2. Since complaint has been made regarding the behaviour of a certain Kellman, who has lodgings at Br. Wm. Boner's, the latter is to be interviewed and an effort made to persuade him to send the man away.

3. The question was raised whether it were not the responsibility of the church administration to do something for the Single Sr. Mary Spach, who is mentally afflicted. Since an institution for such persons now exists in our state, should not an effort be made to have her admitted there in the hope that she could perhaps be restored by means of proper care and treatment? The Col. thought it ought first make some inquiry regarding the conditions under which such persons could be placed in the said institution.

*Oct. 27. Absent the Brn. F. Fries and C. Cooper.*

1. In connection with paragraph 3 of the latter [the minutes of October 6], it could be reported that Raleigh had been communicated with concerning Mary Spach and the reply received that she could be admitted to the institution at any time. But since as yet there is no one with the legal right to assume control of and administer her property, it will be necessary to have a guardian appointed before anything further can be done in this matter.

2. The Widowed Sr. Sabina Schulz would like to rent two rooms in the Widows' House and occupy them together with the Single Sr. Sally Butner, who resides with her, namely, the room which the Single Sr. Christina Lick occupies at present and the room at the southwest corner next to the laundry. Sr. Lick is willing to vacate her room in the spring and to move back into the Single Sisters' House. The Col. gives its consent to Sr. Schulz's renting said rooms.

*Nov. 3. Absent the Brn. E. A. Vogler and Lewis Belo.*

1. Then the Col. again discussed the classification and stipulation as to the prices of the Salem town lots recorded in the minutes of February 18, 1856, but did not believe it could improve

upon them and resolved to present to the congregation council the plan contained in those minutes.

*Dec. 1.* Absent the Brn. C. Cooper and Lewis Belo.

1. The preceding minutes having been read and adopted, note was taken of the fact that in a congregation council held on November 17 the abrogation of the lease system in Salem had been voted by an overwhelming majority. Details regarding this can be found in the minutes of the congregation council.

2. The idea of increasing the salary of the Pflegerin of the Single Sisters had been suggested by the Aelt. Confz. Since the desire for an increase in her salary did not originate with her herself and she cannot be affected by the rise in the prices of food due to her receiving free board and lodging in the post she occupies, and since in her office the major part of her time is at her disposal to make use of as she pleases, the Col. saw no need to take up this matter and, therefore, laid it on the table.

3. Since the new post office is ready to be occupied, a discussion followed regarding the rent to be asked. The Col. considers the entire room which was taken over from the Young Men's Missionary Society unnecessarily large for the purposes of the post office. For this reason and also because in future a postmaster might be appointed who could put one of the rooms to a wrong use and cause disturbance to those in the neighborhood, the Col. resolves this matter by allocating to the post office only room to the north together with the entrance, the annual rent for which is set for the present at \$25.00. —Should the present postmaster, Br. Orestes Kühln, wish to use the other room as well, we are prepared to rent it to him, since we are confident he would not introduce any irregular activities there nor permit such to take over. A committee composed of the Brn. F. Fries, E. A. Vogler, and Thos. Pfohl was appointed to negotiate with him in such a case regarding the rent to be paid for it and also to talk over with him the views which we have regarding these premises.

4. A wish expressed by Br. E. A. Vogler for a small addition to his town lot was postponed to a later date so that the members of the Col. might first have an opportunity to inspect the site for themselves.

*Dec. 15.* Absent the Brn. F. Fries and Lewis Belo.

[1.] At the outset the preceding minutes were read, and in this connection it was to be noted that the committee appointed

in accordance with paragraph 3 had reached an agreement with Br. Orestes Kühln about the adjoining room and that he had rented it for \$20.00 per annum.

2. The application of Br. E. A. Vogler, referred to in paragraph 4, for a small addition to his town lot was then further discussed. As a result of the permission given Br. Jacob Blum to locate a building which he erected along the main street partially on the Widows' House lot, the former store lot (now Br. E. A. Vogler's) has taken on a very irregular shape. Between the Widows' House woodshed and Br. Vogler's warehouse there is a passageway of considerable width, half of which belongs to each of the adjoining lots, though hardly used by anyone. Therefore, Br. Vogler applies for an extension of his lot as far as the north side of his building which is now occupied by the ladies furnishing store, this to reach westward to the point where the continuation of the fence between his yard and garden would intersect this line, which is 90 feet from the corner of the main street; as a result of this, he would acquire an addition of 51½ feet in length and 6 feet in width (but with no increase in frontage). He would then plan to move his warehouse to this boundary; and since in such a case the Widows' House shed, which is quite dilapidated at any rate, would have to be removed and rebuilt, Br. Vogler promises either to do this himself or to pay the costs if it would be done by the Vorsteher. The Col. does not see how any disadvantage for the residents of the Widows' House could result from this requested change in the boundary line and therefore grants Br. Vogler's application.

*Minutes of the Aeltesten Conferenz in Salem For the Year 1856.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 17.*

3. The P.H.C.'s circular regarding the coming provincial synod was submitted and adopted, following some changes made by the A. Conf.

6. The minutes of the A. Coll. of December 17 and January 14 were then communicated. From them it appears:

Further that a lot has been granted Br. Edward Ackermann on which to build a house. Though the A. Coll. attests to the good character of this young man, the A. Conf. approves of

this only unwillingly because he is not a communicant member and is very rarely to be seen in the house of the Lord. At all events, he would first have to subscribe to the congregational regulations.

*Feb. 6.* All present.

4. The Married Sr. Ellen Starbuck, m. n. Blickensdörfer, is to continue to be considered a member of this congregation.

5. Br. and Sr. Rob. Schweinitz and Br. Pfohl will serve at the next Communion, and on this occasion the confirmation of the Married Br. and Sr. Banner is to take place.

*Feb. 20.* Absent Br. R. Schweinitz.

4. The Married Sr. Louisa Hauser, m. n. Stolz, who has married a non-Moravian without having secured the permission of the A. Conf., pleads her ignorance of the rule and asks to be permitted to retain her standing as a member of the congregation. The A. Conf. grants her request.

5. If the young people who are attending catechetical instruction, but who do not as yet belong to us, should apply for membership in our congregation, the A. Conf. will not insist on any further probationary period, since they have been living among us for years.

*March 12.*

6. The Single Sr. Susan Walker has moved to Illinois.

7. Br. and Sr. Reichel will serve at the Maundy Thursday Communion. In future, however, a brother alone will serve the sisters' side.

*April 2.*

2. The conduct was discussed of various young brethren who have in particular used alcoholic beverage to excess. Br. Bahnsen will try to speak with them.

3. The A. Conf. gives its approval to the marriage of the Single Br. Edwd. Pfohl and the Single Sr. Matilda Philipps, set for next Tuesday.

*April 16.* Absent Br. R. Schweinitz.

4. Br. and Sr. Vaneman Zevely will be considered members of the local congregation settlement in future.

*June 18.* Absent Br. R. Schweinitz.

4. The A. Conf. gives its approval to the marriage of the Single Br. Sandford Schneider and the Single Sr. Maria Griffin.

*July 23.*

4. The Single Sr. Esther Linthicum wishes to enter the Sisters' House. The A. Conf. has no objection.

5. Br. Pfohl will try, with Sr. Krämer's help, to enlist older sisters as Saaldienerinnen.

6. Since the head Saaldienerin quite properly should receive some remuneration for her services, and this has indeed been promised to the sister who now occupies this office, this matter must be submitted to the congregation council at the first opportunity.

7. The A. Conf. cannot give its approval to non-Moravians' residing in the Sisters' House.

*Aug. 6.* Absent Br. R. Schweinitz.

2. The A. Conf. permits the Married Sr. Eliza Blum, who was united in matrimony to Hy. Lasch in Waughtown on July 30, to retain her standing as a member of the congregation.

4. Br. and Sr. Sandford Schultz, who had moved to Hope, Indiana, a considerable time ago, have joined the church there with their children.

5. The Married Br. Alex. Hege of Lexington has joined the Presbyterians.

*Sept. 24.* Absent Br. R. Schweinitz.

2. The lack of a regular congregational organist was discussed, but we arrived at no conclusion.

3. The A. Conf., gave its approval for the Single Br. Henry Washn. Shore to be joined in marriage to the Single Sr. Lavinia Boyer.

4. The Widowed Sr. Beckel, until now a member of Friedberg, who, however, has lived in our vicinity for quite some time, will be transferred to the Salem congregation at her request.

*Oct. 29.* Absent Br. R. Schweinitz.

2. The A. Conf. gave its approval for the Single Br. O. A. Keehln to be joined in marriage to the Single Sr. A. E. Bahnsen.

3. Since the Older Boy Charles Winkler refuses to allow himself to be received in the Single Brethren's Choir, the A. Conf. finds itself compelled to declare him excluded from the congregation.

*Dec. 10.*

4. The married couple F. and R. M. are to be excluded from the congregation because of sexual transgressions.

6. The A. Conf. discussed the fact that the local Girls' School cannot well remain consolidated with the Boarding School indefinitely, but reached no decision.

*Minutes of the Land Arbeiter Conferenz For the Year 1856.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*March 6.* All present.

2. Similarly [it was to be noted] that the Single Br. Edwin Clemons, who had been considered a member of Hope and who has been living in Salem for a number of years, had been given a good testimonial when he applied for a lot in Salem, whereupon his wish had been granted. Br. Rights made the comment that unfavorable rumors are circulating against this person. Regret was therefore expressed that on this occasion the old rule had not been followed according to which an application for permission to live in Salem made by persons who belong to a rural congregation should be passed upon by the conference of the ministers of the rural congregations.

3. The reports of the respective congregations were communicated.

*Friedberg and Hope.* During January most services had to be omitted due to the snow. On February 4 old Br. Jacob Spach was buried in bitterly cold weather.

*April 3.* All present.

2. Br. Bahnsen announced that Wm. Miller, a married man who has belonged to Bethania and now resides at Winston, has applied for admission to the Salem congregation.

3. The reports of the respective congregations were communicated.

a. At *Bethabara*. On Easter Sunday, following the public service, the election of a delegate to the provincial synod was held, and Br. Ths. Spach was chosen. Then the election of a new committee took place, in which the old members were re-elected.

b. At *Bethania*, an election was held on Good Friday, and the Brn. H. H. Butner and Sol. Pfaff were elected as delegates. On Great Sabbath the funeral took place of the Married Br. Joseph Stockburger.

c. At *Friedberg* the election of delegates took place on the 9th, and the Brn. Christn. Spach, Wm. Shore, and Jesse Mack were elected. A fire in Br. Nath. Mack's house was fortunately put out.

d. At *Friedland* in the choice of delegates, Brn. Gottlieb Seitz and Philipp Kerner were selected.

e. At *New Philadelphia* Br. H. Lash had already been elected in February.

f. The negroes had services on Good Friday and Easter. On the latter day the confirmation of Caroline (Holland) took place. Martin (Banner), her husband, applies for permission to join the congregation, which was gladly granted him.

4. On May 24 the new church [later called *Macedonia*] on the other side of the Yadkin is to be dedicated.

Special Meeting, Tuesday, *May 1*, (1 P.M.).

Br. Rights reported that the Married Br. Charles Croutch, who had been baptized the previous year, has requested him to baptize his 2 youngest children, 13 and 10 years old, and also 2 of his grandchildren, who live with him. He formerly lived under Baptist influence, but has so changed his views now that he has a desire to know that this part of his family, which still is under his control, is within the covenant of God's grace. Following mature reflection and in view of the fact that under similar circumstances a like request had been granted (Essig at Muddy Creek), the conference came to the conclusion that the water should not be withheld, provided Br. Rights had reason to believe in the case of the older children that the sacrament would prove of benefit.

*July 3.* All present.

2. The reports of the respective congregations were communicated.

a. *Bethabara*. The repair of the church cupola, decided on ever since the jubilee festival (1851), has finally been carried out.

c. On the 4th at *Hope* a very largely-attended funeral sermon was delivered in memory of the Widowed Sr. Cathe. Seitz, who had gone home there in January. At Whitsuntide the confirmation took place of the Widowed Sr. Elis. Craver, m. n. Rothrock, and the Single Srs. Delilah Weaver, Amanda S. Weasner, Anna Sophia Fishel, and Emaline Reb. Weasner.

On the 24th and 25th the solemn dedication was held of the new church in Davie County, called *Macedonia*. The Brn. Jacob-

sen, Reichel, Bahnsen, and Rights had charge of the various services. Br. Hagen had sent a written greeting. The Salem trombone choir accompanied the singing. The crowd was so large that the church would not by far have been able to hold it, so the services had to be conducted in the open air.

On July 6 at *Friedberg* the funeral of the Single Sr. Elisabeth Vogler was held, who had fallen asleep in Clemmonsburg in a very peaceful manner.

On the 18th Br. Rights baptized 10 children and grandchildren of Br. Charles Crouch at the latter's home.

d. *Friedland*. After the preaching service on June 1, it was announced that Br. and Sr. Cooke of the West Indies would move to Friedland and take charge of the congregation. They then moved in on the 5th and have begun their activity with good success.

f. *The negro congregation*. Delilah (Zevely) has applied for admission. She had been a member of the Methodist church. The conference had no objection.

[The minutes of subsequent meetings are recorded in English.]

*Diary of the Salem Congregation For the Year 1856.*

*[Extracts translated.]*

*Jan. 3.* There was the funeral (at 1 P.M.) of the late Married Sr. Louisa Brietz.

*Jan. 5.* We had an extraordinarily deep snow, such as we have not had for many years. It snowed the whole day so that snow-plows had to be used.

*Jan. 6.* The congregation was not as large as usual. At 2 o'clock General Carey of Ohio gave a lecture on "temperance according to scripture."

During the first days of this week Mr. Carey delivered several addresses in our Saal on the subject of temperance. These were well attended and attentively received.

The sound of sleigh bells, which is unusual here, was heard every day. On Monday the whole girls' school had a short trip after the quiet hour in a sleigh with four horses hitched to it, something which probably had never happened before.

*Jan. 8.* Today Br. and Sr. Lewis left for Pennsylvania.

*Jan. 13.* At 1 o'clock the Poor Society met, and at the conclusion of their deliberations as a society for the poor, the Brethren E. A. Vogler, Wm. Hauser, and Geo. F. Bahnsen were appointed as a committee to receive charitable gifts for our poor neighbors and to disburse them as they thought best.

*Jan. 16.* In the afternoon at 1 o'clock the funeral was held of a pupil in the local Girls' Boarding School who had gone home on Sunday evening. Her name was Temperance Townsend. Br. Bahnsen preached the funeral sermon in English on Jer. 8:22. On account of the deep snow, a path had had to be cleared by snowplow and by other means to enable us to get to the God's Acre. Because of the cold we did not first assemble in front of the Saal, but the procession proceeded at once to the God's Acre. Of course, there were very many young people present on the women's side.

*Jan. 18.* Today instead of the usual preaching service the funeral was held of the Widowed Br. Jacob Fetter who fell asleep on Friday. In the morning we had a heavy snowfall, but the storm subsided somewhat so that we could manage to make our way, though the snow had filled the path and there was no time to clear another one. Br. Bahnsen preached in English on John 6:37. The congregation naturally was small and the funeral procession even smaller. About 9 sisters and a larger number of men.

The cold weather continued throughout this week so that the mass of snow melted very slowly. Among the poorer people there must certainly be a great lack of wood and provisions in particular.

*Jan. 25.* Somewhat warmer. So the snow is beginning to melt in the sun. At 1 o'clock there was the funeral of the Widowed Sr. Juliana Eberhardt, m. n. Michel, who fell asleep peacefully early yesterday.

*Jan. 27.* During the course of this week the covered passage which joins the new boarding school building with the Saal was finished. This is a great convenience for the pupils.

The health in the town was very good this month, only that here and there there were cases of eye inflammation, caused probably by colds and the blinding snow.

*Feb. 3.* (Br. Bahnsen had driven to Friedland in a sleigh, but did not meet a single soul at the church. In the country the snow is still deep.)

*Feb. 5.* The coldest day— $2^{\circ}$  to  $7^{\circ}$  below zero.

*Feb. 10.* The Married Br. and Sr. Constantin Banner were confirmed.

*Feb. 14.* Br. Bahnsen married the Single Sr. Clarinda Oehman and the Single Br. Alvin Butner of Bethania.

*Feb. 18.* At 1 o'clock there was the funeral of the Married Sr. Agnes Susanna Peterson, who had unexpectedly fallen asleep.

*Feb. 24.* At 10 o'clock the funeral of the Married Sr. Mary Holland, who had fallen asleep peacefully, was combined with the English preaching service which Br. Bahnsen conducted on Luke 22:43. It was attended by a large congregation.

*March 11.* The local Tract Society held its annual meeting, which, however, was poorly attended.

*March 16. Palm Sunday.* In this service [at 3 P.M.] 4 Single Brethren were baptized: namely, Hy. Warren Barrow, Luther Calvin Winchester, Jesse Rowan Pingston, and Dan. Thom. Crouse; and 17 persons were confirmed: namely, Sandford Schneider, Hy. Shore, Sully Welfare, Hy. Reich, Geo. Zach. Hege, Saml. Mücke, Chrn. Pfahl, Susan Jane and Angelina Geiger, Christina Parnel, Amelia Steiner, Charlotte Reich, Antoinette Houser, Sarah Butner, Caroline Fries, Marg. Clewell, and Catharina Kremer.

*March 20. Good Friday.* At the beginning of the service [the Holy Communion at 7:30 P.M.] there was the baptism of the Single Br. John Henson Veach, who had been unable to be present on Sunday.

*March 23. Easter.* Unexpectedly, we were granted a very lovely morning. At a quarter of six we assembled in the usual way to pray the Easter litany, Br. Bahnsen presiding. When we drew near to the resting place of our dear ones, the sun rose in all its glory, as a sign that we may be assured of the rising of the sun of the life eternal.

*March 24.* This week the new building which had been erected for the local Girls' Boarding School was occupied, namely by 9 room companies.

*April 4.* Today the little boys of the town moved into their schoolhouse, after it had been given over to the Girls' Boarding School for a considerable time.

*April 18.* Today our dear Brother John C. Jacobson arrived here from Bethlehem to attend the approaching Prov. Synod as a delegate from the Northern Province.

*April 28.* At 2 P.M. the provincial synod convened for its first session. See the printed report (English).

*May 4.* After Br. Bahnsen had conducted the litany, Mr. Jonathan Cross, general agent of colportage in Virginia and North Carolina, preached on Luke 13:21. He is a dear man and still an extremely interesting one whom it is a pleasure to listen to.

At 8 o'clock Br. Reichel conducted the festival service for the Single Sisters. The following girls were added to the Choir: Sarah Butner, Louisa Eliza Blum, Caroline Spach, Marg. Sievers, Mary Kitchell, Eliza Vierling, Antoinette Houser, Leanna Reich, and Emelia Steiner.

At 7½ Br. Bahnsen conducted a Gemeinstunde in English, which was followed by an address by Jonathan Cross.

*May 8.* In the evening there was a very interesting exhibition in our Saal. Deaf and dumb and blind folk were here with their teacher, Mr. Cook, and his assistants.

*May 13.* The synod met again yesterday and adjourned today, but will convene again in the fall. In the evening the Brn. L. Rights, Robert Schweinitz, and Max. Grunert were ordained as presbyters by Br. Johann Christian Jacobson, *Ep. fratribus* [bishop of the Brethren]. A solemn service.

*May 14.* Br. and Sr. Cooke arrived here from the West Indies.

*May 20.* Br. Bahnsen married the Single Br. Frank Mickey and the Single Sr. Theresa Beckel; the service was conducted in the Saal.

*May 24.* Dedication of the church at Macedonia (Davie County).

*May 29 and 30.* Examination of the pupils of the local Girls' Boarding School. Very good.

*June 1.* After 5 P.M. Br. Bahnsen held the funeral of the young Howlett, and this in Liberty. A good number of persons attended it.

*June 4.* Today was the examination in our Town School for Little Boys. The results were satisfactory for all. Jesse Atwood, our new teacher, gave proof of his ability; the same can of course be said of Sr. Kramer.

*June 6.* In the evening the Forsyth Literary Society held its annual meeting. Many of our Salem young people distinguished themselves in their speeches, especially Frank Schaffner on atheism. May they but dedicate their gifts wholeheartedly to the Giver.

*June 8.* At 1 P.M. Br. Bahnsen baptized the little son of our Br. and Sr. Mitchell.

*June 9.* We had a splendid rain after a drought of considerable duration, due to which potatoes and other things were beginning to suffer.

*June 10.* Br. Reichel married the Single Br. Alex. Sandford Schneider and the Single Sr. Maria Elis. Griffin.

*June 27.* In the afternoon our local S[unday] S[chool] held a small celebration. Scholars, teachers, and guests marched in procession to the spring near town and returned in the same manner. On the return the procession sang as it passed through the town, which attracted some attention.

*June 29.* Very warm. Br. Bahnsen conducted the litany in English and the Rev. Dan Johnson from the southeastern part of our state preached on Matth. 5:13-16. The heat appeared to have kept some away. Who feels the heat more, the preacher or the congregation? And how the congregation would open its eyes if the preacher should excuse himself or fall asleep while preaching!

*June 30.* The boys' school reopened.

*July 1.* Very warm and dry. Wells and springs were beginning to dry up.

*July 4.* A warm day. Early in the morning the cannons awoke people from sweet sleep and then for more than an hour the poor

old Saal bell was mercilessly yanked back and forth. At 7 A.M., by request, Br. Bahnsen conducted a short preaching service in English on Psalm 118:24. There were more brethren present than sisters. Then after 8 o'clock there was a procession accompanied by the local band. At 2 P.M. we gathered in the square, where John Becker read the Declaration of Independence and Eugene Clewell delivered an address. After 8 P.M. the square was very tastefully illuminated. During the afternoon and evening the band played in a most pleasing manner. The whole celebration was a lovely one and appropriate for the day.

*July 6.* Today in the public service we remembered John Huss, the man of God and martyr for divine truth, Br. Bahnsen conducting the litany at the usual hour and preaching on Matth. 10:28. There was a good and attentive congregation present. In the evening the Rev. Mr. Grosskloss [?], a Lutheran minister, delivered an address.

*July 9.* At 1/2 8 Br. Bahnsen baptized the little child of Br. and Sr. Sussdorf.

*July 13.* There were added to the [Older Boys'] Choir: Francis Edwd. Kühln (at present at Hope, Indiana), Hy. Nath. Chitty, Francis Chn. Clewell, Chas. Hy. Cooper, Lewis Benjn. Eberhardt, and Jas. Alphonse Vogler (residing in Salisbury and hardly ever seen here).

*July 20.* The consecration of the Methodist (Episcopal) church that took place today in Winston had an influence on the attendance at our service.

Br. Bahnsen was on an official visit in Mount Bethel (Virginia).

*July 23.* In the evening a tragic accident occurred. The stage from Highpoint[*sic*] was on its way with 26 persons, and on the other side of the bridge a hoop came off the wheel, the stage overturned, the horses ran away, and the travelers were injured to a greater or less degree. One gentleman, Mr. Urquart of Virginia, died before midnight; a boy, William Brown, was terribly hurt. The irresponsible negligence and carelessness of the proprietor of the stage alone lay at the bottom of it.

*July 28.* This morning Mary Ann Quarles, a pupil in the local Boarding School, passed away.

*July 29.* At 5 P.M. the funeral of Mary Ann Quarles was held, at which Br. Bahnson spoke in English on John 11:25, 26. Aside from the pupils, not many were present.

*Aug. 7.* A lively day in Winston, for the town elections are taking place. Only may brotherly love not become a casualty!

*Aug. 17.* At 2 o'clock, at lovefeast, a child of our Br. and Sr. Traugott Christ was baptized by Br. Bahnson.

*Aug. 21.* In the afternoon at 5 o'clock Br. Bahnson held the funeral of Dr. Leopold Fries, who was buried in the public burial ground at Liberty. There was a large crowd of people on hand to hear what would be said on this sad occasion. The poor man had brought his life to an untimely end due to drunkenness and dissipation. The sermon on Deuteronomy 32:29 was held under the trees in front of the Protestant Methodist Church.

*Aug. 24.* At 7½ in the evening Br. Bahnson conducted the Singstunde, in which he communicated the *Wöchentliche Nachrichten* from the U.A.C. and urged the members to do something substantial for home missions in imitation of the people of Bethlehem. In Bethlehem they raised nearly \$800 at a festival.

*Aug. 31. Brethren's Festival.* The following boys were added to the Choir: Edwd. William Chitty, Chas. Hy. Briez [sic], Chas. Thom. Pfohl, Sam. Tim. Mickey, Jos. Hy. Reich, Alfred Horatio Belo, and Hy. Alex. Lineback.

*Sept. 2.* At 7 o'clock Br. Bahnson held the Bible study in English, and thereafter a number of sisters met to make further arrangements for an evening entertainment on behalf of our home mission. This affair seems to have much active support; may the outcome be to God's glory.

*Sept. 3.* The scrubbing of the Saal.

*Sept. 6.* At 7½ o'clock Br. Bahnson conducted the service in preparation for the festival of the Married Peoples' and Widowers' Choir. For the first time all of the services connected with this festival were held in English, which will not please several of the brethren, it is true.

*Sept. 7.* It was unusually warm this week; the heat seemed more oppressive than in summer.

*Sept. 21.* At 1 o'clock he [Br. Bahnson] baptized 3 little children (2 had been born into the families of the Schweinitz brothers).

*Sept. 25.* Cool. The sun felt good. Br. Bahnson conducted the children's service, and also in the evening at 7 o'clock the wedding of the Single Br. Hy. Washington Shore and the Single Sr. Lavinia Boyer.

*Sept. 28. Michaelmas.* Lovely weather. Br. Bahnson conducted the litany in English at 10 o'clock and preached on the subject of the angels, in accordance with Daniel 7:10. The preaching service was well attended. At 2 o'clock Br. B. held the children's lovefeast and, at its close, their quarter of an hour's service together with prayer. At 7 Br. Reichel and the congregation joined in the singing of a liturgy. Following it the customary service was held, including the Cup of Covenant. Br. Bahnson conducted this. There were very many sisters present, but only the brethren who belonged to the conference (4).

*Sept. 29.* There was a congregation council in which, among other things, it was decided that in future only members of the congregation are to be admitted to lovefeasts. The fact that yesterday some women who were staying here in the tavern (Becker's) had misbehaved probably led to this decision. "Easier said than done."

*Oct. 1.* At the Bible reading today the synod which has just convened in Bethlehem was remembered in intercessory prayer. Br. E. Schweinitz is there as a delegate from our synod.

*Oct. 6.* Today Br. Bahnson performed the marriage of his oldest daughter Angelica and Orestes Kühln.

*Oct. 13.* Br. Bahnson performed the marriage of Sr. Harriet Hege.

On Monday evening there had been an almost total eclipse of the moon. What connection it may have had with the very unusual rains which we have been having is something we are not in a position to decide.

*Oct. 19.* At 7 o'clock Br. Bahnson preached in the Saal, which had heat for the first time this fall. (This morning many had complained that the atmosphere had been like that of a cellar.)

Oct. 22. Br. Emil Schweinitz came back safely from the northern provincial synod. With him came his dear mother and also the Widowed Sr. Tschirschky and Ottile Schweinitz, the Single Sr. Mary Ann Rüdeman, and the Little Boy Bernhard Schweinitz for a visit.

Nov. 2. At 1 o'clock Br. Bahnsen baptized the little son of our Br. and Sr. Const. Rights.

Nov. 4. Election of the President. A very disordered day, but still a very busy one since everybody that was able to do so went to Winston. "People though appeared to take it pretty cooly."

Nov. 9. At 1 o'clock he [Br. Bahnsen] baptized a baby of our Br. and Sr. Const. Rights.

Nov. 10. At 10 o'clock our provincial synod convened again to complete the business which had been postponed from the spring.

Nov. 11. The synod closed today. As delegates of our provincial synod to the general synod, the Brethren Reichel and Thom. Pfahl were elected, also F. Fries and E. A. Vogler as alternates, should the former be unable to attend.

Nov. 20. Today, which the governor of our state had recommended as Thanksgiving Day, Br. Bahnsen preached in English at 10 o'clock to a fairly large congregation. At 7 o'clock Br. Bahnsen conducted a Musikalische Singstunde. In 26 states today a similar holiday was celebrated. In the vicinity of Salem, however, this day does not seem to have been especially observed. As far at least as one knows there was no public religious service held far and near and only a few neighbors were present at ours.

Nov. 23. At 4 o'clock Br. Bahnsen held the funeral of the Widowed Sr. Benigna Boner, who had fallen peacefully asleep yesterday morning.

Nov. 27. The Home Mission Society today observed its 43rd semiannual meeting, at which our Br. Siewers was also present.

Dec. 7. At 3 o'clock Br. Reichel preached in German on II Thess. 2:1-12 to a very small but attentive congregation. Our brethren and sisters have apparently forgotten German extraordinarily quickly or probably cannot understand it in the afternoon. At 7 o'clock Br. Reichel and the congregation sang a liturgy on the subject of Christ's Return (Num. 83). A fairly

good number were present. Most of them had no liturgy books and consequently were quite unable to know or understand what was being sung, so that their ears could merely receive the musical tones. Is it not time to forego such *divine* services until the brethren and sisters have English liturgy books and bring them with them?

*Dec. 12.* Br. Bahnsen baptized the little child of our Married Sr. Ellen Starbuck.

*Dec. 15.* Today at 1 o'clock there was the funeral of the Widowed Sr. Rebecca Fisher, m. n. Folz, who fell asleep unexpectedly on Saturday. On this occasion Br. Bahnsen spoke in English on Luke 2:26.

*Dec. 18.* This evening a fair, arranged for by the sisters, was held in the concert hall for the benefit of home missions. Everything went off well.

*Dec. 27.* At 1 o'clock Br. Bahnsen held the funeral of the late Single Sr. Catherine Hein and spoke in English on the text for the day, Rev. 21:3.

*Minutes of the Salem Congregation Council For the Year 1856.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 2.* There were 21 brethren present.

1. Since the main purpose of the congregation council's convening was the election of a new school committee, the report of the current committee was first communicated. Then the ballot was taken, resulting in the election of Br. Francis Fries with 18 votes, of Br. Elias A. Vogler with 17, and of Br. Lewis Belo with 11 votes.

2. Since there again had been disorders during the latest Christmas eve lovefeast caused by non-Moravian individuals, this matter was discussed once more. Finally, however, it was decided to maintain for some time longer the ticket system now in effect. It would, however, be desirable actually to be able to exclude every non-Moravian who was not provided with a ticket.

3. [sic] In accordance with an explicitly stated desire, only *the totals* of all community accounts from May 1, 1854, to May 30, 1855 were communicated (instead of the entire account, as formerly).

4. The wish was expressed that the former custom might be revived of announcing deaths in the congregation by the band playing chorale tunes from the cupola. This has not been done for some time. The congregation council considered itself powerless to take any action in this matter since it depends entirely upon those brethren who have the required skill for this.

[Note: The rest of the congregation council minutes for 1856 are recorded in English. They contain a full account of the resolutions leading to the abrogation of the lease system in Salem.]

*Diary of the Bethania Congregation For the Year 1856.*

[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 5.* It snowed almost the whole day; the snow lay 18 inches deep.

*Jan. 6.* Of course I could not go to Spanish Grove, where there was to have been preaching service today. Here in the village too the church remained closed because of the snow.

The whole week the weather was very cold, on several mornings below zero F [fahrenheit], and there could be no thought of going out, except in the village.

*Jan. 31.* A sad month!

*Feb. 10.* In the afternoon I preached at Bethabara for the first time this year. The service was quite well attended. I read the circular from the P.H.C. [dealing with provincial synod]. Returned without delay and conducted the funeral of the old negro Loss (Dan. Butner).

*Feb. 13.* Rode to Salem. Rather raw. Left my old, faithful horse there and came back.

*Feb. 15.* Attended Alvin Butner's "infare." He had married the Single Sr. Clarinda Oehman yesterday. In the afternoon there came a nag for me, on approval. In the evening we held a reading service, using the Passion Week manual.

*Feb. 19.* Rode to Mother Stauber and Mary Ann Butner. The horse does not want to be harnessed in shafts.

*Feb. 22.* Sent the horse back. Work began in the garden.

*Feb. 25.* In the garden. In the afternoon Lewis Lash burned off the broom sage in the vicinity of the village.

*March 2.* English prayer meeting—rather good. German preaching service (John 17:24) less well attended. After dinner the committee met. Somewhat unpleasant. Had a headache, but held the negro meeting, which was, however, not very well attended. Also the evening reading service, likewise poorly attended. Felt quite unwell.

*March 7.* In the morning Father Pfohl brought us back [from Salem]. The Daily Texts finally came this week.

*March 12.* Drove with Br. and Sr. Schweinitz to Salem where I had to remain until the

*March 15.* Returned with Aug. Fockel and my new horse.

*March 21. Good Friday.* After dinner the brethren who were of voting age met to elect 2 delegates to represent the local congregation in the approaching provincial synod. Since we had not finished as yet at 1/2 3, we had to adjourn and hold a 2nd session after the service. It resulted in the election of the Brn. H. H. Butner and Sol. Pfaff. All too late I felt regret that this day had been chosen for this purpose, since it interfered with our requisite inner composure.

The liturgy commemorating Christ's burial was pathetic, since it, like all the services during these days, was held without organ accompaniment.

*March 22. Great Sabbath.* It rained and snowed all day long. At 1 o'clock the funeral of the Married Br. Joseph Stockburger was held, well attended despite the bad weather. I spoke on Psalm 16:9, the last clause. The path to the Hutberg was very bad, but the bridge had been constructed.

*March 28.* In the evening at Jos. Transou's I baptized L. S.'s illegitimate little child.

*April 8.* Spaded the garden.

*April 10.* Planted potatoes.

*April 11.* We drove to Jno. Grabs's. I baptized Edwin Grabs's and William Spoehauer's children at Crooked Run. Afterward, the Prot. Methodist preacher Gray preached and a certain Bailey concluded the meeting.

*April 23.* A rainy day. At noon Th. Lash's negro houses burned down, set on fire undoubtedly by Louis Lash.

*April 25.* We drove to Mary Schor's. On the way, near Miller's, great trouble with my nag.

*April 27.* In the afternoon lovefeast and Holy Communion. Later I sprained my right foot and could not stand on it and had much pain. It was treated with vinegar and brickdust.

*April 28.* In the morning drove with H. H. Butner to Salem, where at 2 P.M. the Wachovia Provincial Synod convened. Unfortunately, the 2nd delegate from Bethania, Sol. Pfaff, could not attend.

*May 1.* I conducted the morning devotions in Salem and then Br. Rights preached. In the afternoon the L. A. Cfz. met informally.

*May 11. Pentecost.* Br. Jacobsen arrived and conducted the morning devotions and the English preaching service (Rom. 8). Following it an offering was received for foreign missions—\$8.25. In the afternoon we rode to Bethabara, where he preached ("Know ye not that your bodies, etc.").

*May 16.* Lewis Lash to the asylum in Raleigh.

*May 28.* We drove to Salem. Toward afternoon to the examination at the Salem Female Academy, where I took part in the music.

*May 31.* In the evening at Stauber's schoolhouse attended a preaching service conducted by the Baptist Cordell. Well attended.

*June 1.* Children's service. Prayer meeting (on the daily texts) and German preaching service on I John 3:16 (the Epistle). —Poorly attended, some 30; and this was the first German service since March 2.

*June 3.* Much lamenting about the dry state of the gardens.

*June 4.* Drove to Salem to the L. A. Cfz., at which little was done. Mr. Dawson went along to attend the Sunday School Board, at which 10 were present this time. In the evening there came rain, just as my grass was being mowed.

*June 5.* On the 4th I preached by request at Maple Springs. There were more there than I had expected.

*June 8.* Since there had been a service at Maple Springs, not many were present, and some of them were sleepy. It was very warm.

*June 11.* We drove to High Point where we took the cars to Greensborough. In the evening we returned to Salem.

*June 15.* In the meeting of the heads of households after dinner a new committee was elected: namely, H. H. Butner, Edw. Butner, Levin Grabs, these from the village; and Solomon Pfaff, Martin Holder, and Henry Schultz, nonresidents.

In addition, the building of a kitchen for the pastor was discussed.

*June 21.* In the afternoon baptized a sick little negro child at the home of Thos. Lash.

*June 24.* The wheat harvest keeps all hands hard at work. The heat is intense. Th. Lash has a reaper, the first in this area.

*June 26.* After dinner the funeral of the little negro child which had been baptized on Saturday.

*June 29.* Drove to Spanish Grove and preached at 10 o'clock on the watchword for yesterday. The service was quite largely attended, but the behaviour of several young men who belong to us disturbed me greatly. They did not kneel and left the school-house without cause as all the world does in the Methodist services. Alas, these are also of the world. After the preaching service there was a baptism. Had time merely to eat a piece of pie at Nath. Pfaff's because I had to go on to Bethabara. There the funeral had been arranged for of a little child which belonged to a non-Moravian (Wiley Shoupe's). Many people were there. I spoke on Rev. 7:11 and 12. Noticed with pleasure that the repair of the cupola, which ought to have been attended to years ago, is now materializing.

*June 30.* The wheat is about all shocked. Most people have still to make their hay.

*July 2.* Rode to the Ed Schulzes, whose child was sick; sympathized with Th. Schulz, a horse of whose had fallen; was at Marschalls' at noon, and from there by foot to Hr. Schultz.

*July 4.* The cannons thundered and the bells pealed in the morning.

*July 7.* Early in the morning came the news that Th. Conrad had been found dead in bed. Later it proved to have been a fit

of apoplexy, from which he soon recovered. Drove to Bethabara and fetched Mary Noll to live with us.

*July 14.* In the evening Br. E. v. Schweinitz arrived here. With him, on the

*July 15.* I went on a trip to the mountains, in company with Br. and Sr. Bahnsen for part of the way. Its purpose was to carry out a planned visitation of the home mission.

*July 19.* We reached Br. and Sr. Siewers' at Mt. Bethel and inspected the plantation.

*July 20.* Br. Jno. Vogler arrived this morning. At about 12 a preaching service was held, conducted by Br. Bahnsen. Soon afterwards I held a 2nd, with Br. V. closing it. Toward evening to Mt. Airy, where Br. B. preached.

*July 21.* We returned home safely and gratefully.

*July 22.* There was a big crowd in the village. It was tax-paying, and the candidates were making speeches.

*July 24.* A circus here, and therefore very many people.

*July 26.* The people are beginning to despair of their upland corn. Since much oats was also destroyed by the storm on the 5th, all sorts of complaints can be heard. Preached in the afternoon at Pl[eadant] Valley on Matt. 11:25ff. and baptized the child of Chs. Church. The service was held in the open air.

*July 27.* Very warm. Children's service, and at 10 o'clock litany and preaching service, conducted for the first time in one meeting. The text was Luke 19:41.

*July 29.* Visited Sol. Pfaff, Th. Conrad, Jos. Leinbach, Fred. Holder, Tim Conrad and inquired in vain about ham.

Most people are threshing this week, and the wheat is good and plentiful.

*Aug. 2.* Baptized 2 children of Josephus Veitch's at John Mickey's.

*Aug. 7.* No meeting of the L. A. Cfz. could be held this time. It was election and the people were highly excited.

*Aug. 17.* We drove to Pl[eadant] Valley, baptized 2 children, and preached on "The one thing needful." The meeting was a large one, although a camp meeting was being held at Maple Springs.

Aug. 21. The Home Mission Society met and dealt very generously by the Siewerses.

Aug. 25. At Bethabara held the funeral of the little child Delsena Stöhr; well attended. I Cor. 15:26.

Aug. 27. From there [Friedberg] home by way of Salem. The doctor says I have erysipelas.

Aug. 28. Spent only a short time in the village. My eyes are affected.

Aug. 31. My eyes itch horribly.

Sept. 3. Drove to Salem by way of Bethabara, where there is a lot of fever.

Sept. 7. In the afternoon, preaching service at Bethabara on the same text [The young man of Nain]. Not many people. The fever keeps some away.

Sept. 21. We drove to Spanish Grove, where first there was infant baptism (Sol. Klein's) at 10 and then preaching service (II Pet. 1:10). Alspaugh closed the meeting.

Sept. 22. Was in the village for awhile; also fetched bark, etc., from the woods. Was scolded violently on account of the many English services.

Sept. 24. Heavy frost.

Sept. 28. *Festival of the Children and the Angels.* Most of them were present, though some indeed as usual came too late for the children's service at 10 o'clock. Tried to speak to them very simply; thought I could very plainly observe the difference between my scholars from the village and the others. —Then followed the preaching service on Math. 21:15, 16. In the afternoon, lovefeast, much to the joy of the children, but still strange because almost no one joins in the singing. The nonresident children, who attend church in the village only three times a year, comprehend very little and must feel strange.

Oct. 5. After the children's service the German litany was conducted and the preaching service on Psalm 73:25; it was attended by about 20 people. The dedication of the new church at Daub's was the great attraction.

*Oct. 12.* Union meeting in Pleasant Valley. The Brn. Bahnsen, Cooke, and I were the only ones today, and we preached in the morning, afternoon, and evening. Many people.

*Oct. 13.* Continuation. Ths. Frey held the first preaching service. Then Br. B[ahnsen]; in the afternoon Alspaugh. Then the meeting was closed.

*Oct. 18.* Preached in Spanish Grove. No men present, since a political gathering at Pfafftown was more important.

*Oct. 19.* Following the children's service (the 3rd commandment; even among these little ones there are those who swear!) the litany in English and sermon on Exodus 19.

*Oct. 20.* Headache. —Housecleaning, etc.

*Oct. 26.* At 1 P.M. the annual meeting of the Bethania Home Mission Society; only 10 members present. The offering of \$4.45 forwarded to the Salem society.

*Oct. 27.* Drove in the afternoon to Kapp's mill. In the evening a Baptist preacher by the name of Dodgson delivered a short sermon for us on I Cor. 16:22.

*Nov. 2.* In the afternoon we drove to Bethabara; I preached on the doctrinal text and baptized Elias Butner's little child.

*Nov. 3 and 4.* Were completely rainy days. During them the presidential election passed off very quickly with us.

*Nov. 7.* Since I had to help in a musical entertainment [in Salem], we came back only on the

*Nov. 8.* Was in several places in the village. In the evening Br. Thornton, colporteur of the Am. Tract Society, arrived and stayed at our house.

*Nov. 9.* During the children's service, in which the explanation of the 10 commandments was continued, Br. Th. also spoke to the children. Later [after 1 P.M.] Th. rode with us to Bethabara where the funeral of a negro, Anderson, was held. For me his death was entirely unexpected, since in the opinion of his mother, he had rather begun to improve. When I visited him he had said how difficult it was for him to turn his thoughts to divine matters, but he prayed as well as he could. —Later the funeral service on Rom. 2:10 was held in the church (that was a mistake!). It was not very well attended. Most returned home from the graveside.

*Nov. 17.* Heard today that it had been decided yesterday to have the people join together in cutting wood for us and in bringing it in.

*Nov. 18.* Drove to Salem with Br. Siewers, who had reached here on foot.

*Nov. 27.* The Salem Home Mission Society met. Much money was contributed. On my way back I visited at Jno. Schor's, where she was recovering from "pneumonia fever."

*Dec. 8.* Butchering day.

*Dec. 11.* No meeting of the L. A. Confz. could be held.

*Dec. 13.* Had the musicians meet in the evening for practice.

*Dec. 14.* Went to Bethabara. Practiced music.

The following days were cold; mostly I sawed firewood. In the evening there was music practice.

*Dec. 17.* On the way home I fell off my horse, without much harm. Toward evening El. Schaub's new horsepowered woodsaw was brought into our yard and made a beginning with the sawing.

*Dec. 19.* Had to assist [with the music] in the Girl's Boarding School [at Salem], and,

*Dec. 20.* since there was a good deal of sheet ice during the morning, did not return until in the afternoon.

*Dec. 21.* Meanwhile in our village, the church was very nicely decorated for Christmas. Musical practice in the evening.

*Dec. 22.* Split wood in the morning and probably overexerted myself. Lewis Pfohl was here. In the evening music; I scolded.

*Dec. 23.* Unusually cold, and a keen wind from the north. The potatoes froze in the cellars, even though covered. Was unwell. The people are greatly alarmed, since they fear a negro rebellion during the holidays.

*Dec. 25. Christmas Day.* At  $\frac{1}{2}$  10 the children's service. Little booklets containing Bible stories were distributed among the children to their great joy. Indeed, they deserved to get a small reward for attending so very regularly.

In Bethabara, lovefeast was held after 5 o'clock. The services there were not as well attended as I had expected; whooping cough is quite prevalent.

*Dec. 27.* In the afternoon wood was sawed at our house. It was a kind of frolic.

*Dec. 28.* Music practice in the afternoon. I was called away, since John Butner, Esq., in Bethabara had had a stroke yesterday evening, and I rode there. His condition was very pitiful. Earlier he had already been paralyzed on the left side, and now his head was affected, so that he could be understood only very imperfectly. But he was conscious and gave us to understand that it was well with him. Returned in the dark.

*Dec. 30.* Visited at R. Oehman's. That is a house of misery. For months Augustus has had a very bad foot, with the bone showing for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches, so that he must hop around on one leg. Now Reinholt lies in bed quite helpless, tortured in his whole body with rheumatic pains.

*Minutes of the Committee of the Bethania Congregation  
For the Year 1856.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

[Minutes of the meetings of the Heads of Households for this year are in English.]

*March 2. (absent Sol. Transou)*

The reading of the minutes brought us at once to the God's Acre bridge. Chrн. Grabs *now* has promised to construct it before Easter, and to do so with embankments on both sides, according to the pattern of the bridges along the plank road. Edwin Schultz is now to be asked to build the fences, with a double gate at the end of the yard. At the same time attention is to be given to the little fence in front of the church on the sisters' side. Br. J. Werner promises to make a little gate for the garden.

The lightning rod has again torn partially loose (from the roof of the church). No one offered to attend to this matter, so it was postponed. In response to an inquiry, the opinion was expressed that a meeting of the heads of households for the purpose of electing delegates of the local congregation to the approaching provincial synod could best be held on Good Friday.

Finally, the fence around the lower garden was discussed. A small section of it was repaired last year by Br. Chr. Grabs; the

rest is in its old condition. —Sol. Pfaff has collected a little over 4 dollars for it. It appears that there is little inclination in the village to go to any effort about this. Ultimately Br. Transou promised to ask Br. Lev. Grabs whether he would not collect subscriptions [for this].

Time did not permit the discussion of additional matters relating to the parsonage.

*June 1.* (absent the Brn. J. Werner, M. Holder, and S. Transou)

1. The minutes of the last session were read.

The God's Acre bridge and also the fence around the lower garden have been finished since then. —Regarding the remaining repairs—namely, the fence along the road to the God's Acre, the double gate in it, the lightning rod, and the little gate on the sisters' side of the church, which now is completely decayed—the statement was made that at present it is very difficult to attend to them due to the lack of workmen. Nevertheless, to make a beginning Br. H. Butner promised to take a log to the sawmill.

3. Various remarks were made regarding a new kitchen in the parsonage yard. All were in agreement that such a building was needed and that its construction should be proposed in the coming meeting of the heads of households on the congregational anniversary.

*July 6.* Absent the Brn. M. Holder and Jos. Transou.

2. The minutes of the last session were read, again bringing the following items to our attention:

a. The fence along the road to the God's Acre. Following a prolonged debate back and forth, we again felt compelled to turn to Ed. Schultz; Hy. Schultz will speak to him about it.

b. The double gate. Since this should be done so soon as possible, J. Werner was mentioned as probably being in a position to attend to it immediately. The pastor undertook to commend this to him, and at the same time, the little gate on the sisters' side.

c. The lightning rod is in much worse condition now than when the damage was first reported. Levin Grabs is willing to attend to it.

3. The pastor mentioned that his attention had been drawn to the state of the large wall in front of the church, at the spot where the rainwater discharges from the downspouts and seeps through it. —The best way of dealing with the trouble would be

to extend the downspouts into the ground and there have them connect with a wooden conduit which would carry the water into the gutter along the street. —No action was decided upon at this session.

4. A good deal was said regarding the kitchen which is to be built, without any specific decisions being reached.

5. The pastor asked the brethren for their opinion as to combining the litany and the sermon in *one* service, as is now generally the custom in the other congregations. —Since some rather favored this and others opposed it, we resolved to make a trial of it in the near future. Divine worship would then begin at 10 o'clock in summer and be held in English, as a rule.

6. The desire was expressed to have the number of Saaldiener increased, and Br. Wm. Lehmann was proposed as being qualified for this. The pastor promised to inquire whether he would be willing.

*Sept. 14.* All present.

Br. Reichel of Salem, who had convened this session, first read those passages from the minutes of the last provincial synod which deal with financial matters in the rural congregations (*Digest*, paragraph 44-45). Then he inquired of the committee whether it might be possible at Bethania to raise the pastor's salary, which at present amounts to approximately \$178, to \$300.

All of the brethren expressed themselves to the effect that they fully agreed with its view of the provincial synod that a rural pastor should receive a salary of at least \$300 and would be very happy to have their pastor in particular receive an increase in salary. It would, however, be quite impossible to attempt to accomplish this by raising the amount of the church dues, since many would prefer to have their names removed rather than to become responsible for higher contributions.

The committee then expressed the thought that their pastor might himself bring about some improvement in his salary by taking over the school, which would have to be conducted only 4 days a week, at \$20.00 a month. The committee was of the opinion that in such a case the congregation would have little objection should it not be possible to carry out the visiting of members as frequently as can be done now. —This whole matter was commended to the brethren for further consideration.

2. Regarding the construction of a larger kitchen, which is necessary, the committee stated that it still should be built during the latter part of this year.

*Minutes of the Aeltesten Conferenz in Salem  
For the Years 1857 and 1858.*

[Note: The minutes of this board were kept in German until August 18, 1858. The following extracts from them for the years 1857 and 1858 seem to be significant.]

1857

*Jan. 28.*

5. The Widowed Sr. Elisabeth Butner of Bethabara wishes to move here and enter the Widows' House. The A. Conf. approves, but considers it desirable that this matter should be reported to the next Land G. Arbeiter Conf. in conformity with our current rules.

*Feb. 11.*

2. The conference decided to have 650 copies printed of an ode to be prepared for the observance of March 1 [the four hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Unitas Fratrum].

*April 3.*

4. It was thought that the Gemein Diakonie should contribute \$100 and the Girls' Boarding School \$200 for the impending synod.

*July 29.*

1. Marie Elis. Spach, m. n. Kimmel, whom Br. Bahnsen had baptized on her sickbed on April 26, has unexpectedly recovered and wishes to unite with the local congregation. The conference grants her request.

*Oct. 1.*

2. With regard to the feast of the angels [Michaelmas], which is to be observed next Sunday, it was decided to substitute for the liturgical service the prayer service which would fall due on this day. In it Br. Reichel will have an opportunity to bring greetings to the congregation in the name of the delegates to the [general] synod. The Cup of Covenant will then be partaken of as usual.

*Nov. 11.*

5. The Single Sr. Elisth. Louisa Sophia Susanna Sterchi from French Switzerland, who in 1850 united with the church at Kleinwelka, visited here while en route to her father in Nashville,

Tennesse, and wishes to retain her membership in the church. The conference had no objection.

*Dec. 2.*

5. Br. R. Schweinitz announced that he considers it his duty next year again to preach at least once a month to the school-girls in their chapel.

*Dec. 16.*

2. The 2 Single Brn. Henry Schor and Augustus Butner had recently to appear before the magistrates due to their bad conduct. The conference considers itself obliged to exclude them from the Holy Communion.

1858

*Jan. 13.*

2. The minutes of the A. Coll. of December 7-January 11 were communicated. They show: a. that the Gem. Diakonie closed the last fiscal year with a deficit of \$795. On the other hand, there was income of \$3,362.15 from the sale of town lots, which sum has been invested in state bonds.

b. The Single Sisters' Diakonie also shows a deficit of \$1,111.01, caused mainly by the very high cost of food, the amount for board not having been raised. The A. Coll. has instructed its chairman to discuss with the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School its taking over the kitchen.

d. Though in view of the present circumstances no contribution can be made by the Diakonie toward the contemplated removal of the Odd Fellows' Hall from the square, the A. Coll. raises no objection to this step.

3. The Single Br. Edwin Clemmons wishes to marry the Single Sr. Harriet Butner, and the bride has requested Br. Rob. Schweinitz to officiate. Since this sister has until now been a teacher in the school, Br. Schweinitz is willing to hold the service in the home of her parents. In view of all of these circumstances, the conference did not think it could withhold its approval.

*July 28.*

There are to be 500 odes printed for the Children's festival, which is to be observed on Sunday, August 22. The Thirteenth of August festival is to be observed on the 15th; the Brethren's festival, on the 29th. This time it is to be combined with that of the [Greater] Boys.

*Aug. 18.*

4. Again a number of nonmembers intruded upon the love-feast last Sunday. It seems impossible to carry out the resolution of the congregation council that nonmembers are to be admitted only on Great Sabbath and Christmas Eve.

5. The newspapers indicate that the Episcopal bishop of North Carolina, Mr. Atkinson, intends to be in Salem on September 1, and it is not unlikely that he will wish to preach in our Saal. It seemed advisable to the conference that we ourselves should invite him to do so. However, in case a request should be received *from him*, we would have to insist that no liturgical rites are to be used in our church other than our own.

6. The Single Brn. James Reich and Augustus Butner, who are excluded from the Holy Communion, do not seem to be mending their ways. The conference resolved to notify them that if there should be no change in their conduct soon, they would have to be excluded from the congregation altogether. This would involve their names being announced at the next meeting of the communicants.

7. Br. Bahnsen read a letter from Br. Th. Wunderling, the pastor of the congregation in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, in which the latter asks that a collection be taken in support of the rebuilding of the church at that place, which recently was destroyed by fire. Br. Bahnsen will promote this cause.

*Minutes of the Wachovia Provinzial Helper Conferenz in Salem  
For the Year 1857.*

[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 15.* Br. S. T. Pfohl being present.

3. The main purpose of today's session was to consider with Br. Pfohl whether and how it would be possible to fill his place during his absence as delegate to the synod without harm to the cause. The P.H.C. agreed with Br. Pfohl that this matter has been greatly facilitated because of the election to the Auf. Coll. of such brethren only who had approved themselves by their experience on it and their upright principles and also by their exact knowledge of its affairs and circumstances. Thus Br. Pfohl submitted to the P.H.C. the following plan, which he had worked out to provide temporarily for the carrying on of his duties:

a. Br. James Lineback is to be responsible for the accounts of the Gemein Diaconie and take care of all receipts and the payment of the salaries.

b. Br. Francis Fries (a member of the Aufs. Coll.) is to be responsible for *bonds and notes*, should it become necessary to collect any of them or safeguard them in any other way.

c. Br. Charles Cooper (a member of the Aufs. and head Saaldiener) is to be responsible for all repairs which may become necessary and for the care of the church and for securing firewood for the Salem ministers.

d. The Single Sisters' Diacony: Br. Elias Vogler (a member of the Aufs. Coll.) is to be responsible for the Sisters' House accounts and is to be the brother to whom Allen Spach, the manager of the Sisters' House kitchen, is to turn for advice in all matters which may arise.

e. Sr. M. Petersen is to collect all payments from the sisters in the Sisters' House for board and rent; the sisters' congregational dues are not to be collected until after Br. Pfohl's return.

Br. Pfohl also hopes to make such progress on the books of the Gem. Diac. prior to his departure that they can be closed without trouble after his return. Br. Pfohl's management of community affairs ceased on January 1 as a result of the creation of a town corporation; consequently, he has been relieved of a very considerable part of his duties.

Following a thorough discussion, the P.H.C. agreed that this arrangement would serve the purpose better than a temporary appointment of a brother to Br. Pfohl's office, who unavoidably would be unfamiliar with the work of the Vorsteher, and it gave approval to this arrangement.

4. The P.H.C. further discussed the appointment of an assistant to the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School who would also be responsible for conducting various classes. Since, however, the views of the Inspector were not fully known, Br. Emil Schwitz [Schweinitz] was commissioned to speak to him about this.

*Feb. 9.* Br. Robert Schweinitz being present.

1. Today the P.H.C. had an interview with the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School regarding the employment of an assistant. The appointment of an assistant is necessary and desirable due to the very large number of scholars and the duties which consequently are constantly on the increase, and also due to the Inspector's responsibility for various classes which fall to

his lot, but which he cannot attend to regularly because of constant interruptions. Some thought was given in this connection to teachers at Nazareth Hall, and even more to Br. Grunert at Bethania, since his appointment would provide an additional minister in Salem during synod who could assist in conducting the services and be the 3rd member of the A.C., and since a change is desirable for Br. Grunert. There was reason to believe that Br. Grunert would not be disinclined to accept such a post. Nevertheless, before proceeding further in this matter, it was decided to have an interview with Br. Grunert.

2. Br. Lewis Rights's request for a subsidy of \$75.00 from the Wa. S. D. was approved.

*Feb. 10.*

1. Several brethren of the P.H.C. had an interview yesterday afternoon with Br. Grunert, in which he stated that he was willing to accept an appointment as assistant to the Inspector and also as associate minister in Salem for the time being. The P.H.C., having decided that only if Br. Grunert's place at Bethania could be filled would it be permissible to proceed with the execution of this plan, then considered how Bethania could be filled. It resolved to apply to the P.A.C. at Bethlehem to let us have for Bethania: 1st, Br. John Eberman of West Salem, who we knew would be glad for an appointment in Wachovia, or, 2nd, Br. Lewis Huebner, teacher at Nazareth Hall.

2. A letter from our correspondent on the U.A.C., dated January 5 and received on January 31, contained the misgivings of the U.A.C. regarding the management of the affairs of the Gem. Diac. should both the Brn. Pfahl and E. Schweinitz attend synod. Br. Schweinitz expressed his willingness to remain here, but the P.H.C. believed that he ought not withdraw and that the misgivings of the U.A.C. had been met by paragraph 3 of the minutes of January 15.

*Feb. 25.*

1. A letter from Br. Jacobson reports that the temporary supply of the congregations served by the synodal delegates from Pennsylvania was causing their P.A.C. great embarrassment at present and that, therefore, there could be no thought at all of Br. Lewis Huebner's coming to Bethania. The Pennsylvania P.A.C. could consider Br. John Eberman only in case his place could be filled, which in any event would require long correspondence. The P.H.C. resolved to request the Pennsylvania P.A.C. to take steps to fill Br. Eberman's post at West Salem without delay.

*April 10.*

[1.] After a long wait a letter finally arrived yesterday from Br. Jacobson, in which he reports that a "step by correspondence" had been taken by the Pennsylvania P.A.C. regarding our request in reference to Br. John Eberman, but gives no further information regarding this step nor reports any success as a result of it. Therefore, in view of the fact that the delegates must leave for the synod in 2 to 3 weeks, the P.H.C. agreed to make a trial of serving Bethania from this area and thus carry out our plans for Br. Grunert. The P.H.C. considers that a change would be desirable for Br. Jacob F. Siewers at Mt. Bethel for various reasons and that he might perhaps be quite suitable as a pastor for Bethania. A trial would have to be made of filling Br. Siewers' place as home missionary at Mt. Bethel by Br. J. A. Friebel; in such a case the negro congregation at Salem would have to be served from Salem for the time being. This arrangement is to be carried out at once. If Br. Friebel should be willing to try serving in the mountains, Br. Bahnsen will go to Mt. Bethel this coming Tuesday to save time which might be lost by the uncertain postal service and convey to Br. Siewers the call to Bethania.

2. The P.H.C. gave its approval to Br. S. Warner's request for permission to visit West Salem, Illinois, during the summer, where his sister and his brother will be staying.

3. The amount of \$200, proposed by the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School as the Girls' Boarding School's contribution for synod, was approved.

*April 22.*

2. Br. Bahnsen stated, as he earlier had reported by letter, that Br. Jacob F. Siewers had accepted the call to Bethania which he had received and was ready to preach his farewell sermon at Mt. Bethel on the second Sunday in May. Furthermore, the committee at Bethania is satisfied with Br. Siewers' call. Since Br. Friebel also is willing to try serving in the mountains, there is no longer anything to hinder our carrying out the whole plan. Consideration was also given to a residence for Br. Grunert.

*Oct. 16.*

Following the safe return of the Brn. Reichel and Emil A. deSchweinitz on October 1 and 13, thanks to the goodness of the Lord, the P.H.C. met again today for the first time.

2. Nothing of importance happened during the synod. The following might perhaps be noted:

a. Diaries have been received from the Cherokee mission up to the end of August. James Ward, a half-breed, applies to be a teacher and missionary among the Cherokees. This man is warmly recommended by the Brn. Mack and Warner. The questions regarding him which had been addressed to Br. Bishop, Br. Bishop has not answered as yet.

b. A request for a minister has been received from the brethren who have moved to Arkansas from Ohio. They have purchased 40 acres of land and are going to attempt to build a church. They have not as yet replied to the questions addressed to them regarding the conditions there.

c. A tentative request had been received from the Pennsylvania P.A.C. for Saml. Warner to become a teacher at Nazareth Hall, which, however, had been denied.

3. In a letter sent from Kansas, Br. D. Z. Schmidt reports that he intends to travel with his family to the Cherokee mission in the near future to see whether he could have an appointment there. Since he will undertake this journey entirely on his own hook and his presence in the Cherokee mission might readily have unfavorable consequences, a letter has been sent him stating that the P.H.C. of this place cannot enter into any dealings with him. Br. Bishop has also been warned not to advance any money to him on the account of the mission.

4. David Weisner and Thomas Frye, two Protestant Methodist local preachers, have applied to join the Moravian church, but both wish to be employed as ministers in it. Though we do not want to reject this application offhand, we must—before taking up this matter any further—make more detailed inquiries and have information regarding the intentions and desires of these persons, as well as their views and all of their circumstances.

5. If the horse belonging to Bethania at present can be exchanged without the Sustent. Diac.'s being burdened by this, the P.H.C. would have no objection.

6. Br. Robert Schweinitz, the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School, communicated the accounts of the Boarding School for the period of June 1, 1856, to May 31, 1857, and the balance sheet for June 1, 1857. It showed a surplus of \$16,672.79, which deserves our gratitude. As a result of the following allocation of this amount, the new buildings are actually fully cov-

ered and paid for, with the exception of a few small items. Allocation of the surplus: 1. Wa. Sust. Diac., \$1,500; building account, \$11,200; furniture, \$1,400; bedding, \$600; repairs, \$610; contribution to synod, \$200; writing off plank road stock, \$1,000; dubious debts, \$162.79.

7. Br. Levin T. Reichel, until now president of the Wa. P.H.C., was elected by synod a member of the Department of Missions of the U.A.C. and, God willing, will leave Salem with his family on October 28 so as to reach Berthelsdorf before New Year. Since this will be the last session of our P.H.C. which Br. L. T. Reichel attends and the Wachovia Provincial Synod cannot be held before the new *Results of Synod* are received, the P.H.C. will add to its number for the interim by having Br. Saml. Thomas Pfohl attend its meetings and also have Br. Bahnsen take over the chairmanship for the interim.

*Nov. 9.*

2. From a letter which had recently been received from Br. Mack, the P.H.C. learned with pleasure that a new meetinghouse will be built at Canaan this winter without expense to the mission.

3. Solon H. Gould of Bonpas Prairie, Illinois, who reports himself to be a member of the Moravian church, has applied for school service in Wachovia. The P.H.C. was unable to take up this application for the time being since we have no openings of this kind.

4. A letter was received on the 7th from Br. Ernst Reichel of the Department of Missions of the U.A.C. containing a call for Br. Saml. Warner to school service in the Danish West Indies, including an authorization for him to marry at his discretion. It will be well in sending this call to Br. Warner to draw his attention particularly to the fact that, should he accept the call, he would be expected to devote himself entirely to mission service from this time on. Since Springplace would be without a school-teacher in case of his acceptance, Br. Bishop will have to inform us whether and to what degree James Ward could fill this post during the winter.

5. David Weisner and Thomas Frye, whom Br. Bahnsen has interviewed, both agree that, should they enter our service, they would not make any claim to pension or support for the education of their children, but would hope merely to receive compensation for their actual services. The P.H.C. was not prepared

to reach any definite decision in this matter as yet, since an interview with the 2 said persons would first be required. It was also thought best to postpone this matter till after the provincial synod. The idea of appointing these men, should they be accepted, as assistants in our rural congregations under the leadership and supervision of the actual pastors seemed to meet with the most general approval.

*Minutes of the Wachovia Provinzial Helfer Conferenz in Salem  
For the Year 1858.*

[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 18.*

2. The P.H.C. learned by means of a letter from S. S. Warner, dated December 30, that this brother had accepted the call extended to him and that it is his intention to be married prior to his leaving for the West Indies. Br. Warner will leave the Cherokee mission at the end of January and travel to Pennsylvania accompanied by the two Bishop and Mack boys, who are being sent to Nazareth Hall to continue their education; then he will visit Salem. The Brn. Bishop, Mack, and Warner unanimously give the half-breed Indian James Ward a good testimonial and recommend that he be appointed on a trial basis to the teacher's post at New Springplace, which is vacant due to Br. Warner's being called elsewhere. Ward can also produce good reports from Dartmouth College, where he received part of his education. He has also proven himself to be a zealous and faithful follower of the Lord. Therefore, the P.H.C. agreed to appoint James Ward as schoolteacher on a trial basis, with the understanding that if he should give satisfaction he should in time fully enter mission service.

5. The amount provided for the board of the sons of the ministers in rural congregations who attend school here in Salem was set at \$7.00 per month.

*Feb. 1.*

2. Last week a letter, dated January 4, arrived from Br. L. T. Reichel on behalf of the U.A.C., reporting his safe arrival in Herrnhut and the sad news of the unexpected home going of Br. C. W. Jahn, bishop of the Moravian church and member of the U.A.C. in its Department of Pastoral Oversight and Education.

In conformity with the circular from the U.A.C., the P.H.C. agreed on the following 3 nominations for Br. Jahn's post in the Department of Pastoral Oversight and Education in the U.A.C.: Br. Heinr. Th. Dober of Gnadenfeld, Ernst W. Cröger of Niesky, and Edward Wenck of Neudietendorf.

3. Br. Lewis Rights has applied in writing to the P.H.C. for a subsidy of \$126, which represents the amount of his expenditures during the year 1857 which was not covered by his income. Br. Rights is to be required to provide the P.H.C. with an itemized report of his income from his congregation before any other steps can be taken in this matter.

*Minutes of the Wachovia Provinzial Aeltesten Conferenz in Salem For the Year 1858.<sup>1</sup>*

[Extracts translated.]

*March 1.*

The Wachovia Provincial Synod, which convened from February 22 to 24, elected the Brethren G. F. Bahnsen as president and Robert de Schweinitz as 2nd member of the Prov. Aelt. Cfz. in accordance with the new constitution adopted by the general synod of 1857 for Wachovia. Therefore, the newly-constituted Provinzial Aeltesten Conferenz for Wachovia convened today for the first time: namely, the Brethren G. F. Bahnsen, Robert de Schweinitz, and Emil A. de Schweinitz, the latter of whom, as administrator, remains the 3rd member of the P.A.C.

2. It was resolved, if all of its members were at home, to take steps to organize the Financial Board this evening, which was newly constituted by the provincial synod.

3. Br. J. A. Friebele then entered to discuss with the P.A.C. the state of affairs at Mt. Bethel. In a letter dated February 9 Samuel Vaughn had accused Br. Friebele of having excluded him and his wife from the congregation without prior investigation and without having given them an opportunity to defend themselves. Furthermore, Vaughn complains that Br. Friebele had broken into the house which Vaughn had formerly occupied

<sup>1</sup>As the result of a ruling adopted by the Wachovia Provincial Synod, which met February 22-24, 1858, the name of the Wachovia Provinzial Helfer Conferenz was officially changed to Wachovia Provinzial Aeltesten Conferenz.

on mission land and had had various articles of value thrown into a dirty shed. Br. Friebele in a letter dated February 8 had already given his side of the occurrence, and today confirmed at greater length what he had then written. Saml. Vaughn and his wife were long noted for their wicked tongues and known not really to be proper members of the congregation. According to Br. Friebele's account, since Vaughn no longer has been farming the mission land, he has become a secret enemy and has indulged in various threats against the members of the congregation who have worked on mission land and also has circulated false rumors about Br. Friebele himself. Therefore, Br. Friebele, upon the advice of members of the committee, had called a public meeting in which he excluded Vaughn and his wife from the congregation, they having had ample opportunity to defend themselves. As to the charge of his having broken into the house, Br. Friebele reported that he really had believed that Vaughn had removed all of his belongings. Further, that he had not had the lock broken, but had found means of entering through the roof, and that he had had the few items—a couple of broken chairs, a small quantity of dried beans, and some soap—carefully deposited in the shed, and that if that had been dirty, then it had been left by Vaughn himself in such a condition. Br. Friebele had received permission from the Home Mission Board to use the house as a laundry near his dwelling and had made haste to remove it so as not to risk its being taken possession of by any disorderly folk, which often happens in the case of empty houses, since it then is difficult to get rid of occupants like these.

The P.A.C. was of the opinion that Br. Friebele had erred in having excluded Vaughn from the congregation in a public meeting contrary to our custom without previous investigation and examination in the presence of the committee. It advises Br. Friebele in future to let himself be guided strictly by the procedure laid down in the Brotherly Agreement and in general to observe the greatest caution in all his conduct, since otherwise he would be exposed to constant annoyance among the kind of people with whom he has to do.

4. After Br. Friebele had left, Br. Saml. Warner entered, with whom the P.H.C. discussed the Cherokee mission. Br. Warner believes that the prospects are more favorable at present than ever. He also indicated that the missionaries desired to employ more national assistants and that they requested a visitation. A letter from Br. Bishop, which was received recently, also ex-

presses their desire to employ more national assistants, to which the P.H.C. also gave its approval. —Since the morning had been taken up by these interviews, we resolved to meet again at 2 o'clock this afternoon. In the afternoon session the P.A.C. first took up the state of affairs in Wachovia, as it had developed as a result of the provincial synod.

5. The P.A.C. was unanimously of the opinion that, in conformity to the new constitution as well as for other reasons, it would be best for the president of the P.A.C. not to hold any congregational office in Salem. Consequently, the president will no longer be a member of the Salem Aelt. Cfz., even as it is understood as well that the administrator will retire from it. Thereby the P.A.C. will become in reality the highest court of appeal for the province, which is of the greatest importance in view of the increased self-dependence attained by the province in its new status. This never was the case before because all of the members of the P.A.C. had not only been members of the Salem A.C., but had actually constituted a majority on it. In view of the fact that the office of Gemeinhelfer had long since become no more than a name, it may well be merged with the office of preacher.

6. Because a vacancy has been created in the office of preacher in Salem as a result of the preceding action and the P.A.C. saw no reason for delay in filling it, attention was first given to a communication from the delegates of the Salem congregation to the provincial synod. In it they state that it is the desire of the Salem congregation to obtain Br. Robert Schweinitz as preacher, believing that due to his health he no longer desires to hold his office as Inspector. However, Br. Robert Schweinitz just on account of his health considers himself to be less able to fill this office than his present one and, consequently, does not come into consideration. Therefore, the P.A.C. discussed various other brethren in this connection. In the case of Br. M. E. Grunert, who is a gifted preacher, his lack of fluency in English—which indeed would increasingly be corrected as time passes—was one obstacle, but even more so was our knowledge that prejudices exist against him in Salem—though they are unfounded—which would make his appointment difficult. Therefore, the P.A.C. was unanimously of the opinion that the call to the pastorate of the congregation in Salem should be extended to Br. Amadeus Reinke on Staten Island, with the consent of the Pennsylvania P.A.C. and by its mediation, since this brother appeared to be a

very suitable candidate. Br. Bahnsen will write to the Pennsylvania P.A.C. along these lines.

7. Br. Emil A. de Schweinitz has resigned from his office as treasurer of the Wa. Sustent. Diaconie because of the financial reorganization determined upon by the synod of 1857 and the changed state of affairs thus brought about. The provincial synod has constituted a financial body to direct and be in charge of the affairs of the Wa. Sustent. Diac., the "Financial Board," consisting of the P.A.C. and 3 brethren elected by the provincial synod: namely, Fr. Fries, E. A. Vogler, and S. Thomas Pfohl.

10. Henry Bahnsen, a gifted boy, will leave for Nazareth Hall during the middle of March to continue his studies.

11. Since the provincial synod directed the P.A.C. to compensate Br. James Lineback for his service as recording secretary, it was stated on behalf of Br. Lineback that he does not wish to receive any compensation.

*March 22.*

2. The reason for today's session was Br. S. S. Warner's having made a proposal of marriage to Sr. Louise Cornelia Van Vleck and this sister's having asked for the decision of the lot in her case. Br. Warner too has stated that he is entirely ready to abide by the will of the Lord in this matter. Since we had no doubt as to this sister's fitness to be Br. Warner's wife, the P.A.C. proceeded to inquire the will of the Lord by means of a "yes" and "no" lot, and received \* [by lot] the negative.

*March 23.*

2. Yesterday evening a letter had been received from Br. Jacobson which reported that Br. Amadeus Reinke had for various reasons not been led to accept the call he had received to the pastorate of the congregation in Salem.

3. The P.A.C. having again discussed the filling of this office, as a result of which the Brethren E. T. Senseman, Fr. Holland, and Joseph Kummer appeared to emerge as suitable candidates, it was decided first to write to the Pennsylvania P.A.C. We shall ask them:

a. To let us know their view regarding the suitability of the appointment of the 2 last-named brethren, since we are not sufficiently familiar with them to reach an immediate decision by ourselves, and

b. Should in their opinion there be other suitable candidates in their district, to supply us with their names. On our

part, we are ready to yield Br. Grunert to the Pennsylvania P.A.C. for appointment in their district.

*April 19.*

3. A letter, dated April 8, has been received from Br. Jacobson in reply to the questions raised by us (see the minutes of March 23). It appears from the same that the Pennsylvania P.A.C. is unable to give us the names of any brethren at present and that it will be best to postpone filling the pastorate until after the Pennsylvania Provincial Synod, because there is no likelihood of our succeeding in filling this office suitably any earlier.

4. Letters from the Brn. Bishop and Mack have been received recently. Br. Bishop reports that Br. Emanuel Oehler in Arkansas had gone home [died], as a result of which the prospect of our gathering a congregation in that region seems to have disappeared for the time being.

*April 30.* Thomas Frye and David Weisner being present.

The purpose of today's session was that of having an interview with the above-mentioned persons regarding their application to enter the service of the Moravian church in Wachovia.

Both declared it to be their conviction that they had been called to proclaim the gospel, but that they had been inconvenienced in this calling within the Protestant Methodist church in that they often had to travel considerable distances to preach, as a result of which they lost much time which they ought to have employed in their daily occupations because they received no remuneration at all from their church. Furthermore, they both declared that they and their wives had a liking for the Moravian church and were, moreover, entirely in agreement with its fundamental principles, teachings, and regulations. Should they enter the Moravian ministry, they would hope to be remunerated for the services they rendered, but are quite willing to be content with whatever they would receive from the congregations they would serve. They make no claim on pension or the education of their children and are willing to enter the service as the assistants of ministers holding charges. David Wiesner [*sic*], who has been ordained a deacon and elder in the Protestant Methodist church, would join us as a deacon; Thomas Frye, who is only a deacon and as such is not authorized to administer the Holy Communion, as an acoluth. The P.A.C. having further discussed various matters regarding doctrine and practice with

them, with special emphasis on the fact that by entering into our service they would come under all of our rules and regulations and would not be allowed to act at their own discretion, but only in accordance with prescribed procedure and with the consent of the authorities, the P.A.C. took leave of these persons, promising them that they should be informed so soon as convenient of the result of its further deliberations regarding their application.

*May 29.*

2. Two letters have been received from our correspondent on the U.A.C. since our last session. The first contained the news that Br. G. D. Cranz had been elected to the U.A.C. in Br. Jahn's place and had been confirmed for this by the Lord through the lot. The second letter, dated April 26 and received on May 14, reported that the U.A.C., in conformity with the *Results of the Synod of 1857* and the generally expressed view of synod, felt obliged to submit the name of Br. G. F. Bahnsen to the Saviour by means of the lot for confirmation as a bishop of the Moravian church, even though he had been unanimously proposed for this office as the only choice of the Wachovia Provincial Synod. The board had received this bidding: "The Saviour does not sanction Br. G. F. Bahnsen's becoming a bishop of the Moravian church."

It further reported that Br. Wullschaegel planned to leave Liverpool on May 8 on his journey to America to attend the Pennsylvania Provincial Synod and visit the congregations in this country.

3. Since Br. Robert de Schweinitz is to leave for Bethlehem on June 1, God willing, as delegate to the Pennsylvania Provincial Synod, the P.A.C. again discussed the filling of the Salem pastorate. It was agreed that Br. R. Schwitz. should again confer with Br. Amadeus Reinke regarding his accepting this call. Should Br. Reinke indicate his absolute unwillingness to accept it, then [Br. R. de Schweinitz] is to begin negotiations with Br. E. Senseman. Should this brother also be unwilling to come to Salem, the matter could be taken up further by letter.

*July 15. Br. Wullschaegel being present.*

Today the P.A.C. had the pleasure of welcoming in its midst Br. Wullschaegel, a member of the U.A.C. in its Department of Missions, who is at Salem at this moment in the course of a visit to the American congregations, as commissioned by the U.A.C.

1. Note was made of the receipt of a protest addressed to the U.A.C., the provincial synods, etc., and coming from the missionaries in Antigua and Jamaica, against the resolutions of the general synod of 1857, chiefly in connection with missionary representation at the general synods.

2. As regards the request of the missionaries in the Cherokee mission for a visitation, Br. Wullschlaegel stated that this had the sanction of the Mission Department.

*Aug. 5.*

3. As to the filling of the Salem pastorate, it was to be noted for the record that Br. Robt. Schweinitz, soon after his arrival in Bethlehem, had arranged for another thorough discussion of this matter with Br. Amadeus Reinke. Following mature deliberation, Br. Reinke had been willing to accept the call, provided the Lord would by the lot sanction his acceptance of it. Immediately after the adjournment of the Pennsylvania Provincial Synod, therefore, the Pennsylvania P.A.C. submitted this matter in Br. Robt. Schweinitz' presence to the Lord for decision and received the negative \* [lot]. Agreement had been reached in such a case to consider the Brn. Hagen, Senseman, and Holland as the next to be proposed. Br. Hagen, who also had requested that his name be individually submitted to the lot, dropped out of consideration \* [by the lot]. The P.A.C. was compelled to give up any thought of Br. Senseman, since he had stated categorically that he would consider it his duty to oppose slavery. The call to the pastorate, therefore, was extended to Br. Fr. R. Holland, who also accepted it and hopes to arrive here at Salem with his family the end of this month.

4. A letter from James Ward, dated May 10, came some time ago announcing his arrival at Springplace. Br. Bishop writes in a later letter that Br. Ward would like to receive a formal call from the P.A.C.; this is to be extended to him so soon as it is known with certainty that Ward is a communicant member of the Moravian church. From Br. Bishop's letters and diaries, it is to be concluded that a quiet work of grace is continuing among the Cherokees. Br. Mack's letter of May 10, together with the diary, contains a similar report.

5. A letter had been received quite some time ago from Br. Otto Tank regarding the establishment of a college in the west of the United States. His proposals regarding scholarships, etc., will hardly meet with favor among us.

6. As regarding the visitation of the Cherokee mission, Br. Bahnsen expressed the wish to have a companion, particularly in the more inhospitable regions of the West. Since Br. Aug. Fockel is to travel to Iowa to fetch his sister from there to Salem, Br. Bahnsen proposed that as Fockel is willing to make a detour to the mission, he (Fockel) should be reimbursed for his travel expenses, say from St. Louis in Missouri to the mission and from there back to St. Louis. In such a case he would be willing to accompany Br. Bahnsen without any further compensation. The P.A.C. had no objection to this proposal. Br. Bahnsen intends to leave the end of September.

7. Since Br. M. E. Grunert's appointment had in fact at first been regarded as an interim one to last till after the general synod of 1857 and the provincial synod of this year, it now seemed proper to give him a more permanent appointment. Since the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School has need of an assistant, Br. Grunert is to be regarded formally as the Assistant Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School from now on. In this way he will remain a member of the A.C. It will be best to terminate his office of assistant pastor, though Br. Grunert will doubtlessly be glad to continue to assist in conducting the services.

8. It seemed best to have the old rule, which however was never kept—to the effect that when teachers are initially employed in the Girls' Boarding School they should have the prior approval of the P.A.C.—altered to provide that the names of the teachers employed by the Inspector should periodically be communicated to the P.A.C. and recorded in the minutes. The following teachers have been enrolled at the opening of the schools: Miss Catherine Gibbon of Charlotte, Sr. Caroline Fries, and Maria Heisler.

9. It was further resolved to hold regular monthly sessions of the P.A.C. in future, and this at 9 A.M. on the first Monday, following the monthly meeting of the Landarbeiter Cfz.

*Aug. 23.*

2. The P.A.C. discussed the circumstances of the Bethania congregation in view of the misunderstandings which exist between the pastor and a part of the members who live in the village. No result was reached. However, since there is a lack of ministers for the rural congregations, it was resolved to approach the Pennsylvania P.A.C. with the request that they let us have Br. Parm. Lineback for appointment in Wachovia.

4. A letter from Br. Seidel written on behalf of the General Home Mission Board at Bethlehem informs us of the desire of Morgenstern and Gottfried Braun in Texas to have a competent teacher, able to speak and teach both English and German. They offer a salary of \$50.00 plus free board. The P.A.C. cannot do anything in this matter since we have no one to whom we could make this offer.

*Aug. 30.*

1. The purpose of today's session was that of giving the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School an opportunity to present the annual account for June 1, 1857, to May 31, 1858, together with the balance sheet of the institution on May 31, 1858. The annual account shows a surplus of \$16,864.60, which was allocated as follows:

1. Contribution to the Sustent. Diac.	\$ 1,800.00
2. Plank road stock written off	2,500.00
3. Insurance on the buildings	1,814.44
4. Furniture account	2,100.00
5. Bedding	550.00
6. The installation of gas in the boarding school buildings	3,000.00
7. Repairs	2,500.00
8. Contribution to the endowment fund of the theological seminary in Bethlehem	1,010.00
9. Contribution to the Lebanon church	252.50
10. Contribution to the removal of the Odd Fellows' Hall	200.00
11. Contribution to the music hall	150.00
12. Dubious debts	987.66
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*Sept. 8.*

3. A letter from Br. Jacobson, dated August 31, reports that the Pennsylvania P.A.C. cannot let us have Br. Parmenio Lineback for employment in Wachovia in view of the great lack of ministers in their district.

4. Br. Comenius Chitty, aged 26, does not seem disinclined to dedicate himself to church service. Therefore, we shall try to have him enrolled in the partial course class of the theological seminary at Bethlehem.

5. From Mt. Bethel in Virginia Br. Friebele reports the following persons as candidates who are to be baptized in a solemn

service on the 12th of this month—Br. Bahnsen will go there for this purpose—namely, Robert Childress, Will. Haynes, Sylvester Harrold, Benj. Cloud, Eliza Richardson, Matilda Vaughn, Margt. Jones, and Jane Richardson.

6. The P.A.C. had heard it said that at Macedonia and Friedberg, in the meetings held for a number of days in August at said places, there were very loud and disorderly carryings on quite contrary to our Moravian practice. Therefore, it had convened a meeting of the Land Arbeiter Cfz. for September 2 to confer in a fraternal manner with the ministers of the rural congregations, and especially with Br. Lewis Rights, and to remind them that the introduction of new usages not customary among us might not take place without the sanction of the synods and the P.A.C. Br. Rights did not deny the truth of the reports, but did not for the time being appear at all convinced that he had done any wrong in permitting these innovations or in even promoting them. Nevertheless, the P.A.C. hopes that following cooler reflection Br. Rights will recognize his error and will conform in future to the regulations of our church, which it is our duty to maintain.

*Sept. 20.*

2. Br. Bahnsen reported that the following 5 persons had been baptized at Mt. Bethel on September 12 and admitted to membership: namely, Robert Childress, Will Haynes, Henry Jones, Sylvester Harrold, and Jane Richardson. There appears to be great enmity against us at present among some persons of pronounced ill repute in the vicinity of Mt. Bethel.

5. Since Br. Bahnsen plans to leave for the Cherokee mission on the coming Thursday (September 23), Br. Robert Schweinitz is to be considered the chairman of the P.A.C. in the interim.

*Dec. 3.*

Since Br. Bahnsen had returned safely on November 30 from his visitation of the Cherokee mission, the P.A.C. was able to convene today for the first time since September 20.

2. Br. Bahnsen reported on his journey and chiefly regarding the state of the Cherokee mission, which is on the whole gratifying and encouraging. Then he communicated the minutes of a conference held at Newspringplace with all of the missionaries in attendance, at which Br. James Ward was received as an acoluth and formally became a member of the mission conference. Their main resolutions, as approved by our P.A.C., are the following:

- a. A schoolhouse is to be built at Springplace.
  - b. The church (white house) at Mt. Zion is to be weather-boarded.
  - c. Br. Miller (interpreter) is to receive an increase in salary of \$50.00 a year. This additional amount is to be used chiefly to provide him with decent clothing to enable him to accompany Br. Mack to various preaching places as interpreter. Br. Miller's total salary would then be \$150 a year.
  - d. Archie Henry (interpreter) is to receive an annual increase in salary of \$25.00, part of which is to be held back until he shall have paid a debt of about \$30.00. His salary would then amount to \$100 a year plus the use of the land.
  - e. A Cherokee translation "Of the Last Days of the Son of Man" [the Passion Week Manual] and of the church litany, which exists in manuscript form, and also a translation of the Easter morning litany, which is still to be made, are to be printed at Tah-le-quah in approximately 500 copies. The costs, however, are not to exceed \$50.00 and be covered so far as possible by their sale.
  - f. The Brn. Bishop, Mack, and Ward will meet as a mission conference every 2 months on the first Thursday of the month; a copy of the minutes of this conference is regularly to be forwarded to the Wachovia P.A.C.
  - g. An attempt is to be made, if possible, to provide the missionaries with better and cheaper clothing direct from Philadelphia.
  - h. When parents become members of the church by holy baptism, their *younger* children may be baptized together with them, even though they be more than 2 years old.
  - i. The names of baptized children are no longer to be deleted from the catalogue when the latter reach the age of 10. They are to be regarded as members until they indicate by word or deed that they no longer wish to belong to the church.
  - j. Wherever an interpreter is used, prayers also are to be translated, for example, prior to the sermon or on the occasion of sick visits.
  - k. At Canaan a mission school is to be constructed, and Br. Joseph Vann, a Cherokee, employed as teacher. It is hoped that the neighbors will assist with the maintenance of the teacher.
- At Br. Bahnsen's suggestion the P.A.C. resolved that to meet the constant charge among the Cherokees that Br. Bishop

spends too much time in building to the detriment of his real calling—and because Br. Ward seems qualified for this and this was also the arrangement in Br. Welfare's day—Br. James Ward is to become responsible for building; also, that whenever Br. Ward's duties as teacher conflict with those as evangelist, the latter are to have priority; also, that Br. Joseph Vann is to assist Br. Mack in conducting services; also, that Br. Lemuel Wilson (interpreter) is to be encouraged as an assistant to deliver speeches and addresses with the permission of the mission conference.

4. A letter from Br. Jacobson, dated October 20, offers us Br. Benjamin Ricksecker for service in Wachovia. As we had formerly replied to the Pennsylvania P.A.C., we cannot become involved with the appointment of this brother, even though we fully recognize his dedication, because the factors which appear to make his work ineffective in the North would hinder it here in the same way.

5. Amos Steward has applied for 2 to 3 acres of land belonging to Friedland. For the time being no consideration can be given to his request.

6. The P.A.C. discussed the appointment of a minister for the negroes in Salem and the status of Br. Thomas Frye at Philadelphia. Br. and Sr. Cooke at Friedland cannot remain there much longer since his health really is very poor. So a trial could be made with Br. Cooke as minister for the negro congregation, if living quarters can be found for him. Br. Thomas Frye is very anxious to have his status definitely fixed. Since thus far he has shown himself to be a faithful brother, it was decided to extend a call to him as pastor of the congregation at Friedland and Philadelphia so that he could live at Friedland. Since as local preacher and deacon of the Protestant Methodist church he had authorization to baptize children, he is to be allowed to officiate in this sacrament in an emergency and to assist at the Holy Communion. He becomes a member of the Landarbeiter Cfz., and his maintenance must be provided for. No doubt the Friedland parsonage will require some repairs.

*Dec. 20.* Br. Thomas Frye being present.

At the outset the P.A.C. had an interview with Br. Thos. Frye regarding his appointment to Friedland and Philadelphia. It appears from the ordination certificate of the Prot. Methodist Conference which he produced that he should be considered

a deacon by us, since he was ordained by the laying on of hands and was authorized as a deacon to administer baptism and, in case of necessity, administer the Holy Communion and perform marriages in that church. Since Br. and Sr. Cooke cannot well leave Friedland before spring, Br. Frye will take his place in the Landarbeiter Cfz. as the pastor of Philadelphia at first. When the entire arrangement is put into effect, the Sustent. Diac. should no doubt extend a subsidy of \$200 per annum to Br. Frye; then a horse will also have to be secured for his use.

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[*Extracts translated.]*

*Jan. 22.*

2. Br. John B. Smith, who belongs to Friedberg, has offered in writing to be active in the Lord's work, especially in Randolph County, and would like to have the P.A.C.'s sanction for this. Before giving this matter further consideration, it will be best for us to secure a report from Br. L. Rights about Br. Smith and also to discuss Br. Smith's activity with the latter in person.

*Feb. 1.*

4. A letter from Br. Mack, dated December 23, reports that James Vann, a member of the church, and his wife, a candidate [for membership]—both being respected Cherokees—express a desire to be active for the Lord.

5. The P.A.C. discussed the state of the Bethania congregation in view of the periodic complaints that have been received regarding the manner in which Br. Jacob Siewers fills his office. It is charged that Br. Siewers:

- a. does not visit, especially the members living in the village;
- b. associates almost exclusively with people who do not belong to the congregation;
- c. neglects various matters which belong to the proper handling of his office;
- d. has not had the committee hold a real meeting during the 2 years of his pastorate in Bethania; and
- f. [e.] has not rendered any statement either to the committee or the congregation council concerning the congregational account and monies.

The P.A.C. expressed regret over the conditions at Bethania, which are due in part to Br. Siewer's somewhat careless and unsystematic nature. It was of the opinion that as a first step Br. Bahnsen should speak to Br. Siewers about all of these items. It is most desirable to have a better relationship established before Bethania's centennial celebration draws nearer, which is to be held in June of this year.

*Feb. 7.*

2. Br. Bahnsen has had an interview with Br. Siewers in which the latter was not willing fully to recognize that his close association with Snow was unsuitable for the Bethania pastor; nor has he taken any steps to be reconciled with those members of his congregation who have long been dissatisfied. Still, we hope that the representations which have been made to him will be effective in time.

3. Br. John B. Smith (see the minutes of January 22), though at present conducting himself well, was given to drink less than 2 years ago and for the present can [not] be recommended by Br. L. Rights as a suitable individual for home missionary activity since there would be great danger that he might thus yield to his old addiction. Under such circumstances the P.A.C. cannot enter into dealings with Br. John B. Smith.

*March 7.*

2. William Vogler, the son of the Widowed Sr. Sophia D. Vogler, who is of the proper age and has good qualifications, is to enter Nazareth Hall after the summer vacation; the U.M.D. will take care of his support there.

3. Since for various reasons, but chiefly because of its conviction that Br. Cooke is not suited for such a post, the P.A.C. has had to give up the idea of his appointment as minister to the negroes in Salem. Br. and Sr. Cooke, after having made various other unsatisfactory plans for their future, have finally decided to move to Bethlehem. God willing, they intend to leave during the week following March 20.

4. Various reports and letters have been received from the Cherokee mission, all of them with gratifying contents and creating hope for the prosperity of the mission. The interpreter Lemuel Wilson is to receive a salary of \$100. Archie Henry has been discharged as an interpreter since he is entirely unable to render the services required of an interpreter.

5. The accounts submitted by the Brn. Rights and Siewers, reporting their receipts from their congregations, were now taken up.

Br. Siewers received from Bethania,

from May 20, 1857, to December 31, 1857	\$ 61.25
from January 1 to December 31, 1858	83.50
from January 1 to March 1, 1859	67.60
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	\$212.35

From this is to be deducted the expense of  
Communion wine

9.90

There remains income for 1 year and 10 months

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\$202.45

During this period he received from Bethabara in  
addition to a few small gifts

2.00

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\$204.45

Br. L. Rights received from January 1 to  
December 31, 1858:

from Friedberg	\$142.45
from the sisters at Hope	21.15
from Muddy Creek	1.00
from Macedonia	10.00
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	\$174.60

The P.A.C. must take this matter up with the committees without delay and urge them to do their duty.

6. Since Sr. Maria Denke due to her advanced age and increasing sickliness requires support from her family, effective as of March 1 the regular pension is to be offered her again, which she had earlier not been able to decide to accept.

*March 28.*

3. Sr. Denke gratefully accepts the pension offered her, effective March 1.

4. Since our preceding session, the P.A.C. has had interviews with the committee at Bethania on March 19 and with that at Friedberg on March 24, dealing particularly with the ministers' salary and also with the general conditions and circumstances of their respective congregations. There is reason to hope that these were fruitful.

6. Since Br. Parmenio Lineback, who had spent some time with his parents on account of his health, seems to have recovered and cherishes the wish to enter church service and make it his

lifework, the P.A.C. was quite ready to employ him in Wachovia. Another minister can very well be used; moreover, it is desirable once again to have a young brother with theological training in one of our rural congregations. Following mature deliberation, it seemed best to call Br. P. Lineback to Friedland for the present; this would also save us from getting into difficulty regarding living quarters. Br. Frye could continue to occupy his own house near Philadelphia and be responsible perhaps for Hope and Macedonia in addition to Philadelphia, since Br. Rights has very much work and the Friedberg committee during our recent interview also requested that Br. Rights's load be lightened.

*April 4.*

3. The committee at Friedland has been notified of Br. Parmenio Lineback's call. The P.A.C. was of the opinion that a proposal should be made to the Financial Board to have it guarantee Br. Lineback a salary of \$300 per annum and have the necessary repairs made to the Friedland parsonage and a horse procured. Br. Thos. Frye should also be guaranteed a salary of \$200.

4. Since the negro parish in Salem has more and more developed into a local Salem matter, particularly as a result of the increasing number of negroes in the town itself, the spiritual care of the negroes appears actually to have become a matter for the Salem congregation and the Salem pastor. The P.A.C. agreed to have an interview with Br. Holland regarding this, so as to learn from him whether he would be able to assume the care of the negroes in addition to his other duties.

*May 20.*

2. For various reasons, particularly because the congregation at Hope appears strongly to desire to remain united with Friedberg, the P.A.C. considered it best to have Br. L. Rights retain charge of Hope, which he is also willing to do, and in lieu thereof to have Br. Thos. Frye take over Muddy Creek from Br. Rights.

4. The new Salem congregational rules, in the form in which they had been adopted by the congregational council on the 17th of this month, were submitted to the P.A.C. for examination and sanction. The paragraph in which the sole direction of the affairs of the Single Sisters' Diaconie appears to be entrusted to the newly-constituted Board of Trustees of the Salem congregation does indeed create certain apprehensions. Nevertheless, the P.A.C. did not consider it wise to raise any objections to it, es-

pecially in view of the likelihood of a change in this Diaconie perhaps in the near future or its termination. It [the P.A.C.] gave its sanction to these new rules, since they are in harmony with the constitution and regulations of the Moravian church as a whole and in Wachovia.

5. The Pennsylvania P.A.C. has been requested to send a bishop to ordain Br. Parm. Lineback. Whitsunday would be a suitable date, since the visiting brother could then also attend the Bethania centennial celebration.

*Aug. 3.*

1. Br. Holland has assumed charge of the negro congregation in Salem.

2. Br. Peter Wolle, bishop of the Moravian church, on June 15 ordained Br. Parmenio Lineback a deacon of the Moravian church, as commissioned by our P.A.C. Following Br. P. Lineback's marriage to the Single Sr. Sophia Foltz of Salem, Br. and Sr. Lineback began their ministry at Friedland.

3. Miss Caroline Service, a member of the Episcopal church and a former scholar of the institution, and the Single Sr. Josephine Siddall, Cathr. Kremer, Maria Boner, and Adelaide Chitty have joined the Boarding School's teaching staff.

4. Br. Lewis Rights has applied for a subsidy of \$75.00 to be added to the amount of his income of less than \$300 for the year 1858. This request is to be submitted to the Financial Board.

5. The P.A.C. resolved to have an interview with Br. J. Siewers at the earliest opportunity to learn whether the measures in regard to the pastor's salary agreed upon by us with the Bethania committee in March have in fact been carried out.

6. The discussion of the most unusual status of Br. C. F. Kluge in regard to his pension, which has become known to our P.A.C., had to be postponed to a future session due to the pressure of other items of business.

7. Br. Robert Schweinitz stated in his capacity of Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School that the meals provided the Boarding School by the Single Srs.' Diac. had been very poor for a long time past. Especially more recently the meals have deteriorated more and more. The Boarding School has suffered considerable damage thereby, and even greater injury had probably been avoided most recently only by the assurance given to parents and scholars that a complete change was to be made in the arrangements for meals. There could be no other way of bringing about an improvement than by the Boarding School it-

self taking over the kitchen. The P.A.C. could raise no objection to this proposal, since it had long been evident that under the existing conditions this would be the only means of improving the meals. Therefore, the Inspector further proposed for the present to lease the buildings containing the kitchen and domestic establishment, the entire land, and the upper portion of the Sisters' House itself for an annual amount and to appoint a steward or manager who would become responsible for the kitchen and the entire domestic establishment. He proposes Br. Adam Butner as steward, who is willing to take over this position at a salary of \$600 per annum; in view of his experience at the tavern, he would be very well suited for it. It is not planned to have Br. Butner and his family reside in the school, but for him to give his whole time to this position; at the outset also the Boarding School would lease his plantation and his 2 negro men for its own use. Though in various respects these conditions are open to criticism, yet because we have little choice due to the urgent time element and the absence of other qualified individuals, the P.A.C. would be content with them. It is proposed, however, to hold a meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Salem congregation for the discussion of this matter at an early date.

*Aug. 8.*

2. Morgan Smith, aged 19 and a member of the congregation at Macedonia, whom Br. Lewis Rights gives a very good testimonial both as to his character and disposition and also his ability, has a strong desire to prepare for the service; he would be a very suitable candidate for the partial course class at the theological seminary at Bethlehem. Similarly, Henry Cooper, son of Br. Charles Cooper of Salem, cherishes an ardent desire to enter the seminary and prepare for church service. This young brother also enjoys the best of reputations among all who know him. He is one in whom grace has been visibly at work and who seeks to develop as much as possible in every serious quality. Tentative negotiations have already been carried on with the Pennsylvania P.A.C. in reference to this young man, and he is to enroll at Christmas, God willing. His father will be responsible for his clothing. Regarding Wesley Spach, son of Br. Christ. Spach of Friedberg, who also is a devout young man and would like to prepare for the service, it will be best to have Br. Lewis Rights again interview the father and the son.

3. Since Br. L. Rights moved from Friedland there have been no expenditures of the sum of money which Sr. Lucinda Bagge

some years ago gave to the P.A.C. towards the support of a home missionary in our county; \$322 are still remaining. The P.A.C. resolved to inquire from the donor as to what disposal she would like to have made of this sum.

4. The P.A.C. discussed Br. Kluge's state. He receives a pension of only \$274 from Germany; this amount is insufficient to support him and his family and is \$50.00 less than our retired brethren and sisters in Pennsylvania receive from the Sustent. Diac. there. We consider this an injustice and believe that Br. and Sr. Kluge, having served faithfully in Germany and in both American provinces, ought certainly to receive as much as other retired brethren and sisters. We are convinced also that Br. Kluge's health would not at present permit him to accept a post, even if one could be found for him. Therefore, the P.A.C. resolved without any further investigation as to the source from which his whole pension should come according to the letter of the law (since Br. Kluge prior to his election to the U.A.C. had served in Wachovia for nine years) to propose to the Financial Board to provide annually an additional grant of \$25.00 for Br. Kluge's pension from the Wachovia Sustent. Diac., this with the understanding that the Pennsylvania Sustent. Diac. would provide an equal amount annually.

*Aug. 10.*

1. The P.A.C. had a meeting with the Board of Trustees of the S. congregation yesterday evening in which agreement was reached regarding the following points in connection with the taking over [of the Sisters' House kitchen by the Boarding School].

a. The Girls' Boarding School will buy that part of the Sisters' House town lot which lies north of a line beginning at the northeastern corner of the Sisters' House lot on Church Street and running from there first eastward and then southward to include the kitchen building, it being understood that the present entranceway between the Boarding School and the Sisters' House is to remain as it has been.

b. The school will buy the barn, pigsties, the cowsheds, etc., from the sisters' diacony and also the entire inventory belonging to the kitchen and domestic establishment.

c. Hereafter the school will rent the land from the Gem. Diac. as the sisters' diacony formerly did and will pay the sisters' diacony for the improvements.

d. The school will rent from the sisters' diacony the lower floor of the upper portion of the Sisters' House north of the first door in the house, including the hall and the cellar. A committee is to be appointed to appraise the inventory, the improvements, etc., and to decide upon the rent; the trustees are to name 2 of its members and the P.A.C. 2; and these 4, the 5th. (This same evening the P.A.C. named the Brn. Adam Butner and Edward Belo as its 2 committee members.)

e. The Girls' Boarding School undertakes to provide board for the 6 elderly sisters: Joh. E. Schultz, 2 Stockburgers, Christman, S. Waterson, and Broesing, at a modest charge so long as they live.

*Aug. 18.*

1. During the months of June and July letters and diaries have been received from the Cherokee mission. Due to the illness of the teacher, Joseph Vann, the school at Canaan had to be given up.

2. The P.A.C. at this time again considered the desirability of appointing a Pflegerinn for the sisters and decided to offer this post to the Single Sr. Lucinda Bagge.

3. The president reported that Sr. L. Bagge had placed the \$322 entirely at the disposal of the P.A.C., to be used as it saw best. Since Br. Emil Schweinitz does not want to have this item kept among the administration accounts any longer, Br. Robert Schweinitz is to hold this money in trust for the P.A.C. for the time being.

*Aug. 19.*

1. Br. Bahson reported that although Sr. L. Bagge had really given a negative answer to the proposal which had been made to her, she would not be entirely unwilling to accept it, provided no other suitable person could be found. So the P.A.C. again gave consideration to filling the post of Pflegerinn. Sr. Lydia Stauber and Jane Welfare were suggested, but we were not led to adopt these proposals. Finally we resolved to offer it again to Sr. Bagge, since in our opinion that is the only suitable proposal.

*Sept. 5.*

1. Sr. Lucinda Bagge has accepted the call to be the Single Sisters' laboreess.

3. The Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School submitted to the P.A.C. the annual account covering June 1, 1858, to May 31,

1859, as well as the balance sheet of the institution of May 31, 1859. The surplus this year amounts to \$14,167.47, and was allocated as follows:

1. To the Wachovia Sustent. Diac.	\$ 1,000.00
2. Contribution to Bethania's jubilee festival	50.00
3. Contribution towards a fire engine, mainly for freight on it	50.00
4. Buildings and repairs	2,000.00
5. Furniture	1,000.00
6. Bedding	250.00
7. Kitchen reserve to cover the kitchen inventory, buildings, etc., taken over from the sisters' diacony	9,000.00
8. Dubious debts	817.47
	<b>\$14,167.47</b>

*Nov. 14.*

1. Letters from the U.A.C. dated September 25 and October 31, were at hand. In the latter, the U.A.C. expresses it as its opinion that the practice of receiving female workers as acoluths should be adhered to in conformity with the *Results of Synod*. The U.A.C. urges us to do all we can to oppose Methodist procedures, which occasionally are manifested in the rural congregations, especially at the so-called "big meetings."

4. Sr. Sarah Blum has joined the teaching staff of the Girls' Boarding School.

5. The proposal which the Home Mission Board had submitted to us to remove Mt. Bethel from the care of the Home Mission Society and transfer it to that of the province was considered, but rejected by the P.A.C. as being impracticable and unrealizable, since there is no provision for this in the constitution of Wachovia.

6. Following a lengthy discussion of the circumstances, the P.A.C. agreed to write to the Pennsylvania P.A.C. suggesting the exchange of the Jacob Siewerses and the Edwin Reinkes, or some other couple, on a trial basis.

*Dec. 5.*

2. Under date of November 30 Br. Jacobson reports that the Pennsylvania P.A.C. is unable to accommodate us by an exchange for Br. and Sr. Siewers. The only couple in Pennsylvania would be Br. and Sr. Edwin Reinke, who are to spend the winter at Lititz for reasons of health.

# Town Ordinance.

The following Ordinance concerning the streets, was passed at the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the town of Salem, having at the previous meeting received the concurrent vote of two-thirds of that body.

"No hog, of the age of two months and upwards, shall, after the 15th day of December, 1860, be permitted to run at large in the streets of this town, unless they carry such mark as may be determined upon by the Board of Commissioners as a permit. Such a mark can be obtained by applying and paying 50 cents to the Town Constable, (for the use of the Corporation,) who shall notice the date of every application, in a book kept for that purpose, and will protect one hog for one year from the date of such application."

"Any hog, not wearing such mark, shall be taken up by the Town Constable, advertised, and if not redeemed in ten days, the owner paying him \$2 as a fine and 20 cents a day for feeding, shall be sold, one-half to be returned for the use of the town, and one-half to be retained by the Officer."

By order of the Board of Commissioners,

A. T. ZEVELY, Mayor.

November 30th. 1860.



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*Feb. 6.*

3. Br. S. Thomas Pfohl wishes to have his son Charles enter Nazareth Hall, to which the P.A.C. gave its approval.

4. On the initiative of the Salem Board of Elders correspondence is to be carried on with the Pennsylvania P.A.C. regarding a new edition of the hymnal in English at the earliest opportunity.

5. It was resolved to send a letter from the P.A.C. to the committees of all of the rural congregations, in which they are again to be urged to carry out the resolutions of the provincial synod of 1856 regarding contributions for ministerial salaries and other church purposes. The pastors in the rural congregations must also be urged to render an account to the treasurer of the Sus-tent. Diac. punctually at the beginning of the year concerning contributions towards their salaries; they shall for this purpose submit their accounts covering the amounts received by them from the congregations. Br. Bahnsen will endeavor to visit the members of the rural congregations during the course of the summer.

6. Since by the end of May, 1860, the school days of the girl Johanna Mack will have ended, the Inspector of the S.F.A. [Salem Female Academy] is willing to keep her in the Boarding School for at least one year more without charge if she promises to work hard and to make good use of the opportunity given her for her further training.

*Feb. 13.*

1. Br. Lewis Rights's request to have his daughter Alice, aged about 11 years, enter the Girls' Boarding School after the examinations was granted.

2. A letter from the U.A.C., dated January 16 and received February 8, was taken up. The following resolution was adopted in reply to the question raised in it regarding the consecration of Br. G. F. Bahnsen as a bishop:

Br. L. T. Reichel's letter of January 16 informs us that at the beginning of the year the U.A.C. reconsidered "referring the question of the consecration of Br. Bahnsen as a bishop to the lot" and that it had become convinced that in accordance with the resolution of the Wachovia Provincial Synod of 1858 further

steps in this connection fall in the sphere of the Wachovia P.A.C. The U.A.C. "suggests" to us "that should the P.A.C. consider it desirable to fill this office in the course of this year and decide to take the necessary steps in this connection, the U.A.C. states that it is very *willing* to consent to this." In view of this the P.A.C. gives its opinion as follows:

- a. That in case of a negative lot the resolution of the Wachovia Provincial Synod of 1858 did indeed commit this matter entirely to the P.A.C., it being understood that this included authority for the P.A.C. to make new nominations to the U.A.C. as it saw fit;
- b. That the P.A.C. has no new nominations;
- c. That the P.A.C. recognizes it to be desirable and suitable for the president of the Wachovia P.A.C. to be a bishop;
- d. That since in accordance with the *Results of Synod* the conference charged with responsibility for employing the lot has sole authority regarding the manner in which this is done, it would not be fitting for the P.A.C., least of all over against the U.A.C., to express its view concerning the proposed use of the lot in this instance, because the responsibility for it rests exclusively with the U.A.C.

*March 5.*

1. Stephen Griffith of Pilot P.O., Illinois, who gained a delightful impression of the Moravians 40 years ago on Easter morning at Salem, sends a written offer of buildings and land to establish a school on behalf of the mission. Since this proposal is without doubt properly a matter for the Pennsylvania P.A.C., it is to be forwarded to that body, especially in view of the fact that we have no one who could take up his offer. At the same time, the address of the Brethren Titze and Brickenstein in Illinois is to be given to him, in case he should wish to become better acquainted with the Moravian church.

3. Br. Frye may have the surplice which is at Friedland and not needed there.

*March 19.*

Today the P.A.C. discussed the request of Br. Joshua Boner, bookkeeper at the Girls' Boarding School, who applies for an increase in his salary. His work has greatly increased during the last years, and his past salary of \$300 is much less than other salaries of those employed at the Boarding School—as, for instance, the music teacher's. Following mature deliberation, the

P.A.C. resolved to grant Br. Boner a salary of \$500 per annum from now on, in view of the service he has rendered for more than 20 years and his greatly increased work. This is done with the express understanding that it is not to be considered the fixed salary of the bookkeeper, but an increase granted to Br. Boner for long and faithful services. In this connection it was further resolved to indicate to the Pennsylvania P.A.C. that if we could obtain a trained brother to serve permanently as a teacher in the Girls' Boarding School, we should be willing to let that esteemed P.A.C. have Br. Grunert for an appointment within its district.

*April 16.*

1. Two letters from the U.A.C., dated March 12 and March 19 and received on April 3 and 14, were taken up. The latter contained the information that the U.A.C. had submitted the question regarding Br. G. F. Bahnsen's episcopal consecration to the Lord by means of the lot and had received the affirmative \* [lot] : "The Saviour sanctions Br. G. F. Bahnsen's becoming a bishop of the Moravian church." The decision as to time and place of the consecration naturally is referred to the two American P.A.C.'s. Having given consideration to all the circumstances, the P.A.C. considered it to be best to have the consecration take place in Pennsylvania.

*June 4.*

1. Br. Bahnsen was consecrated a bishop of the Moravian church at Bethlehem on May 13 by Br. Peter Wolle, bishop, assisted by Bishop J. C. Jacobson.

2. The Pennsylvania P.A.C. has expressed its willingness to give Br. Grunert an appointment in its district. We agree to this on condition that we shall receive from there a brother with training to be a permanent teacher for our Girls' Boarding School.

3. The Inspector of Nazareth Hall has given the boys Theod. Rights and Jacob Siewers a good report so that they may well continue their studies at the Hall.

6. On the occasion of the latest Landarbeiter Cfz., Br. Jacob Siewers applied to the P.A.C. for a subsidy. According to his statement, the Bethania congregation owed him as of May 20, 1860, approximately \$166 of the \$178 per annum promised him, that is salary for nearly a whole year.

*June 12.*

1. Since Br. Robert v. Schweinitz is about to make a journey to Pennsylvania, he was commissioned to discuss with the Pennsylvania P.A.C. the subject of a teacher for the Girls' Boarding School.

2. In connection with Br. J. F. Siewer's request for a subsidy, it was resolved to propose to the Financial Board that he be granted about \$166 or the difference in the amount which he received or [that which he] should have received from Bethania and Bethabara (about \$186 to January 1, 1860) and \$300 per annum, it being distinctly understood that he shall make every effort to collect the amount in arrears and set in order the entire salary matter as laid down by synod; to succeed in this the chief need is to hold regular sessions of the Bethania committee.

*Aug. 14.*

3. A letter from Br. Mack, dated July 4, expresses his wish to have his daughter Johanna board with a family in town. The P.A.C. was of the opinion that since she still is attending school, it would be better for the girl to continue to live in the Boarding School.

4. The P.A.C. discussed the town school for girls and its relationship to the Girls' Boarding School. Some other arrangement is necessary, for the number of the girls in town has doubled in the course of the years. Since this is a matter which will have to be discussed with the authorities of the Salem congregation, it would be most desirable to have the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School submit his views and proposals in writing so that they then could be passed on to the Board of Elders of the Salem congregation.

5. The Srs. Margaret Clewell, Adelaide Lange, and Sophia Butner have joined the teaching staff of the Girls' Boarding School.

*Aug. 28.*

1. Since the Brn. Jacob F. Siewers, Thomas Frye, John A. Friebele, and R. Parmenio Lineback are to be ordained presbyters, as provided for in the *Results of Synod*, the date of September 16, which this year falls on a Sunday, was set for their ordination as a day particularly suited for such a rite. God willing, Br. Bahnsen will ordain the said 4 brethren as presbyters of the Moravian church on the evening of that day by commission of the Wachovia P.A.[C.]

*Sept. 13.*

1. The main purpose of this session was that of discussing and answering a written communication from the Board of Trustees of the Salem congregation, which dealt with the circumstances of the negro congregation in Salem.

Since the Board of Trustees had never received notice of Br. Holland's taking charge of the negro pastorate, the Board of Trustees wishes to be informed of the relations now existing between the negro congregation in Salem and the Salem congregation, and particularly the Salem Gemein Diac. It requests a reply to the following 3 questions:

- a. Has the pastoral care of the negro congregation been formally assigned to Br. Holland? Answer: Yes.
- b. Does the P.A.C. consider it a part of the Salem congregation in future? Answer: Yes.
- c. Can the Salem Gemein Diaconie thereby be made responsible for the maintenance of the negro congregation in temporal affairs? Answer: Never, except with the consent of the Board of Trustees.

*Sept. 26.*

2. The Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School submitted to the P.A.C. the account of the Boarding School for June 1, 1859, to May 31, 1860. It shows a *surplus* in the amount of \$15,804.35. It was allocated as follows:

a. The Wachovia Sustent. Diac.	\$ 1,800.00
b. For the new negro church in Salem	250.00
c. Bedding, for securing new mattresses for the entire school	2,000.00
d. Toward writing off a house and lot, bought by the school	450.00
e. For the repair account	2,000.00
f. Furniture	1,800.00
g. For music	50.00
[h.] For horse and wagon	375.00
i. For insurance on the buildings	3,000.00
j. For reserve for the kitchen	2,579.35

[\$14,304.35]

3. Br. Lewis Rights will give up his former part-time care of Macedonia and Br. Thomas Frye will take it over entirely.

4. For years meetings which last several days have been held in our rural congregations, particularly at this time of the year, and this matter has again been the subject of discussion on occasion of the one recently held at Friedland. Therefore, the P.A.C. (at Br. Bahnsen's special suggestion) considered it desirable to make the following statement: "That such meetings do not in themselves seem inappropriate, due to the special circumstances in the rural congregations in Wachovia, but that they should be conducted along Moravian lines so far as possible; and that even though the shouting and such like, which occasionally takes place, should be overlooked, yet it should by no means be considered as being material to religion."

4. Br. Gilbert Bishop in his latest letter has asked for permission himself to take two of his sons to Pennsylvania in the fall of 1861, God willing, for their education. The P.A.C. tentatively granted him its permission to do so.

*Nov. 5.*

3. The necessity was discussed of placing the diaries and other papers of those rural congregations that have no resident ministers at present in safe keeping, preferably in the archives of the P.A.C.

*Nov. 19.*

1. In a letter from the U.A.C., dated October 15 and received on November 9, Br. L. T. Reichel in the name of the Mission Depart. refers in plain terms to the ever mounting outlays for the Cherokee mission. He reports that the department would like to set a fixed clothing allowance for this field. The P.A.C. is authorized to reach a decision regarding this even without corresponding further with the U. M. Dep. Since a calculation shows that the method which has been followed to date still costs less than a fixed allowance, the P.A.C. considers it most practical to postpone further consideration, especially in view of the fact that a change would not be feasible before spring.

*Nov. 27.*

The P.A.C. considered various arrangements existing in the domestic establishment of the Girls' Boarding School. The wisdom was also discussed of a change in the Inspector's salary (following the [school's] taking over the kitchen) to provide him and his family with free board in future, his salary being reduced, but no decision was reached at this time.

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*March 4.*

2. Various letters and diaries have been received from the Cherokee mission. No definite statement has as yet come from the missionaries regarding the introduction of a fixed clothing allowance, and it is likely that letters from Br. Bishop regarding this matter have miscarried. Following detailed discussion of this item, the P.A.C. resolved that a fixed clothing allowance should be introduced in the Cherokee mission beginning with the new fiscal year on June 1, 1860. Nevertheless, we did not wish to send definite word on this to the field before we had received letters from the mission containing the views of the missionaries about it and of Br. Bishop in particular.

3. Thereupon Br. Parmenio Lineback had an interview with the P.A.C. at his request regarding the condition of the congregation at Friedland. He holds the following opinion: That due to Baptist and Methodist influence in that neighborhood there is hardly any prospect of rebuilding the congregation at Friedland. It had suffered a hard blow years ago when a large part of it moved west, and since then it has dwindled away increasingly as a result of the dying off of the old members. Br. Lineback having expressed his views in detail and then having left, the P.A.C. discussed this matter. Since Br. Lineback's view about Friedland unhappily seems to be correct, future action was thought to be desirable involving his removal from Friedland to Macedonia, which is a new and promising congregation where a resident pastor is desired, and to have Friedland served by Br. Frye from Philadelphia. The latter could undertake this if he were relieved of the care of Macedonia. Further deliberation regarding the matter was postponed to our next session.

4. No definite decision was reached regarding Wachovia's being represented at the Pennsylvania Provincial Synod.

*March 11.*

1. Regarding Macedonia, the plan of transferring Br. Parmenio Lineback thither was further discussed. Since Br. Bahnsen is to go to Macedonia tomorrow, this would be a suitable occasion to confer with the committee and the congregation council there to learn what the congregation may be able and

willing to do regarding living quarters and salary should a resident minister be sent there permanently. It would no doubt be advisable also to inform Br. Lineback tentatively that, if suitable arrangements can be made, the P.A.C. intends to call him to Macedonia so soon as possible.

*April 8.*

1. Br. Bahnsen reported that the congregation at Macedonia would like to have a resident minister, but that the congregation does not want to take up the consideration of the arrangements which could be made for the salary and living quarters of a minister before it is known with certainty whether the necessary funds can be raised to build a new church. If a new church were built, the old one could be adapted for parsonage purposes at little cost. Forty acres of land have been promised to the congregation for a new church; the cash contributions too have thus far been good.

2. The P.A.C. then discussed what amount the Girls' Boarding School should donate to this new church, and the sum of \$350 was decided upon for this purpose; thereby its construction is assured.

3. Regarding the change in the salary of the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School (see the minutes of November 27, 1860), it was resolved that effective May 1, 1861, the salary should be set at \$400 per annum plus free board. Though this is a much higher salary than other ministers receive, it is comparatively the same as that earned by the Inspector hitherto and amounts to the same as that received by the Inspectors in Pennsylvania.

*April 29.*

1. Br. Hall has sent a written invitation to the P.A.C. to visit Macedonia on May 4. The congregation at Macedonia proposes to have their minister board for a week in turn with the various members. The P.A.C. suggests May 6 as a convenient day for its visit. The proposal to have the minister "board around in families" is not feasible; under the circumstances the only proper arrangement would seem to be to have the minister board with *one* family until living quarters can be provided for him.

2. A letter was taken up from Br. Edward Reichel, the Inspector at Nazareth Hall, dealing with the stipends for the boys from Wachovia who are at the Hall. This is a matter for negotiation with the Pennsylvania P.A.C. exclusively, since these boys

are at the hall to prepare for their further studies, in accordance with the arrangement made formerly between the 2 provinces.

3. A letter has been received from Austin, in Texas, from a German diaspora brother, a bookbinder named Scholz, who wishes to find a place for himself and his family to live at Salem. It would be hard for him to support himself here by his profession, nor would he find in the matter of religion what he appears to be searching for due to language conditions.

4. Br. Bahnsen reports regarding Mt. Bethel, where he recently paid a visit, that all seems to be going well, though no new members have united with the congregation recently.

5. As requested by the Salem School Committee, Br. Parmenio Lineback is willing to take charge of the Town School for Boys until examinations at the beginning of June, since the teacher suddenly returned to his home in Virginia because of the alarms of war. The P.A.C. granted him permission temporarily to serve in this way.

*May 14.*

1. On May 6 the Brn. Bahnsen and Emil Schwtz. visited at Macedonia (Br. Robert Schwtz. was unable to accompany them) and found part of the committee gathered in the church despite the very heavy rain. The brethren again stated that it was the wish of the congregation to have a minister resident among them and that the congregation would be prepared to contribute all it could to the support of its minister. The construction of the church is not to be undertaken for the time being because of the war that threatens. Br. and Sr. Hall are prepared to have the minister board with them. June 9 was agreed upon as a suitable date for the installation of the new minister. So the P.A.C. extended a formal call to Br. Parmenio Lineback to become the pastor of the congregations at Macedonia and Muddy Creek and transferred the care of Friedland to Br. Thomas Frye.

2. The question had been raised earlier whether it might not be advisable, due to the threatened war between the North and the South, to have the brethren and boys from Wachovia who are studying in Bethlehem and Nazareth return home. Regarding this we resolved first to talk again with their parents, to learn their wishes definitely.

*June 10.*

1. Br. Parmenio Lineback was introduced at Macedonia on June 9 as the future pastor of this congregation and of Muddy Creek, and he delivered his initial sermon there that same day.

2. Br. Bahnsen reported that the parents of those studying in the North had expressed the wish to have their children remain there. Their return might also entail much difficulty and considerable expense, if it would be possible at all.

*June 19.*

Since by resolution of the convention the state of North Carolina has severed its relations with the government of the United States and has joined the southern confederation, the Confederate States, the P.A.C. holds this to be the time so to amend the prayers in the church litany which refer to the government of our country, and also the prayer in times of war, that they would be consistent with our present circumstances. Br. Bahnsen is, therefore, to forward a copy of these amendments to all ministers in Wachovia, directing them to make use of them when they pray the church litany.

*July 22.*

1. A letter from Br. Gilbt. Bishop, received on July 2, reports on the condition of the Cherokee mission during these war alarms; there too these have begun to influence its spiritual and temporal progress.

2. Br. Robert Schwitz. asked that the present state of the Girls' Boarding School be discussed. It is quite uncertain, because of the war, whether there will be the necessary number of pupils in the Boarding School during the next half year to fill ten room companies. However, so as not to be too precipitate in dismissing teachers—particularly since Sr. Petersen, who till now has conducted the town school for girls, has resigned from her post and no suitable sister is available for this post—the Inspector proposes for the time being to place the town girls in the various room companies of the Girls' Boarding School. He requests also that from now on the school fees, which the parents living in town pay for their children, be paid to him direct and not as hitherto only the amount of \$130 per annum provided by the Gem. Diac. for the entire instruction of the girls and the salary of the teacher of the town girls; this for the reason that this amount no longer is adequate to cover the salary of a single teacher, much less of two, as had originally been intended. The

P.A.C. subscribed to these proposals and will transmit them to the Board of Elders, which is in charge of the town girls.

*Aug. 20.*

1. Regarding paragraph 2 of the minutes of July 22, it was reported that upon request of the Board of Elders it would seem advisable to delay putting the P.A.C.'s resolution regarding school fees for the town girls into effect for the time being. For the school committee has quite recently made new arrangements regarding increasing the salary of the teacher of the Town School for Boys, which would now be endangered by this resolution. A written notice regarding this is to be presented to both of the boards of the Salem congregation, stating that the new arrangements covering the school fees for the town girls are to become effective with the new year, 1862.

2. Br. Parmenio Lineback had an interview with the P.A.C. regarding Calvin Riddle, a brother who is a member of the committee at Macedonia. This brother strongly opposes infant baptism and also various rules and customs of the Moravian church. He has stated that he cannot and will not submit to the rules and regulations contained in the *Results of Synod* regarding those items with which he does not agree. The committee at Macedonia, having given Br. Riddle opportunity to have an interview with it—which, however, he failed to take advantage of—has declared that Calvin Riddle has severed his connection with the congregation, being a person unsuited to our fellowship. The P.A.C. ratified the committee's action.

3. Br. Lewis Rights, in the name of the committee at Friedberg, asks the P.A.C. about the sale of an acre of Friedberg church land, quite close to the church, for a district schoolhouse. The P.A.C. absolutely disadvises the sale.

*Aug. 26.*

1. The purpose of today's session was that of having the Girls' Boarding School's accounts submitted for June 1, 1860, to May 31, 1861. They show a surplus for this year of \$15,217.15, which was allocated as follows:

a. Wachovia Sustent. D.	\$1,800.00
b. Contribution towards outfitting the volunteers from this county, since the Boarding School is free of all taxes	1,000.00
c. Dubious debts	3,500.00

d. Repairs	2,500.00
e. Bedding	750.00
f. Macedonia Church	350.00
g. Furniture	1,200.00
h. Insurance of buildings	[blank]
i. Ice dam	100.00
j. For school books, etc., for the children of missionaries which were given out in the past 3 years but not charged to the account of the U.M.D.	[blank]

*Nov. 6.*

A letter from Br. Gilbert Bishop, dated October 16 and received on the 5th of this month, speaks of his wish to place two of his children and a son of Br. Mack's in some educational institution for their further education. Last winter the P.A.C. had granted Br. Bishop tentative permission to travel to Pennsylvania this fall for this purpose. Due to the war, there is no prospect that this could be done at present; therefore, Br. Bishop asks for the opinion of the P.A.C. as to whether he should bring the children to Salem rather than to Bethlehem. It seemed most advisable to the P.A.C. to have the journey postponed until spring, if for no other reason than the season's being so far advanced. Should he be unable to travel to Pennsylvania in the spring, it would be best to bring the children to Salem for their education. However, if Br. Bishop has already decided to come to Salem before the end of this winter, he had best bring all the above-mentioned children with him.

*Dec. 9.*

1. Letters from Br. Bishop, dated November 19, 1861, arrived this morning, and also the diary of Springplace. They contain a report on the state of the missionaries under the present war conditions, which are also having a depressing effect upon the missionary enterprise. The seat of the war in Missouri is not far from our stations, and the Cherokee nation, as an ally of the Confederate States, is taking an active part in it. Br. Bishop will not attempt to travel to Salem during the winter.

2. A memorandum from the P.A.C. addressed to the Board of Elders and Board of Trustees of the Salem congregation—dealing with the payment of school fees for the town girls direct to the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School rather than to the Gemein Vorsteher as done hitherto—was read and approved

(compare the minutes of August 20, 1861). The P.A.C. further discussed the reduction of the number of room companies in the Girls' Boarding School, which will probably become necessary after New Year. A further decrease in the number of boarders can be expected due to the circumstances of our time; payments also are poor for the same reason. Since, however, we cannot as yet tell with certainty how many will leave at Christmas, we decided to meet once again prior to New Year and then reach a definite decision.

*Dec. 27.*

1. Regarding a reduction in the number of room companies in the Girls' Boarding School, we decided to drop one room company for the present when the schools reopen after New Year.

2. Regarding the resignation of two teachers connected therewith, we agreed on the following arrangement. Since Sr. Ade laide Lange is about to return to Pennsylvania, there will for the present be only one teacher who is not needed. The principle that *ceteris paribus* ["other things being equal"], the teacher who had joined the staff most recently would have to leave first, was adopted as the fairest and the one most easily applied both in the case before us and in any future necessary reduction of the teaching staff. In the present case, the 2 sisters Margaret Clewell and Sophia Butner were the last to join the teaching staff of the Boarding School, both on the same day. Since the Inspector could express no preference between them, they will have to draw lots to see which must leave.

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[*Extracts translated.*]

*Feb. 10.*

1. Br. Robt. Schweinitz reported that due to various circumstances no teacher had left the Girls' Boarding School at New Year and that the number of pupils was larger at present than at New Year.

2. We took up a written reply from the trustees of the Salem congregation to our memorandum. The trustees accept our proposals (compare the minutes of December 9, 1861); only they

wish to have the new arrangement go into effect beginning with May, 1861 [1862], so as to avoid confusion in accounting. Since the principle has thus been established, the P.A.C. was willing to have the new arrangement not go into effect until May, 1862, and the Gem. Diac. benefit by the old arrangement until then.

*June 30.*

2. Johanna Mack, whose school years had actually terminated in May, 1861, but who, due to the war's alarms which had then just begun, was unable at that time to return to her parents as had been planned, has spent an additional year in the Girls' Boarding School. Since she herself would like to leave the Boarding School, in which she has lived for almost 7 years and a change does seem desirable, the P.A.C. considered how this girl could be provided for in view of the continuing war and the complete breakdown of communication with her parents in the Cherokee mission. Various suggestions having been discussed, further consideration was put off to the next session to enable us to inquire about this in the meantime.

*July 7.*

1. The P.A.C. considered at length how to provide for Johanna Mack. The plan of placing her with Br. and Sr. Welfare cannot be carried out because Sr. Welfare in particular is unwilling to receive this girl and because with the enormously high prices of all provisions the presence of a third person in their family would increase their expenses very considerably without any benefit to Br. and Sr. Welfare in return. It was finally proposed to place her in the Sisters' House, though this too creates problems. It would, however, involve less cost, and there the girl would probably be under better supervision than elsewhere, except at Br. and Sr. Welfare's. Before reaching a final conclusion, we must speak with Sr. L. Bagge, the Pflegerin.

*July 17.*

1. Sr. Bagge is also of the opinion that Johanna Mack can best be cared for in the Sisters' House. The P.A.C. decided to place her with Sr. Lavinia Williams, if possible, where she will have an opportunity of occupying herself with sewing. The Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School will try to give her a few children who want to begin music lessons; he also promised that he should receive her meals from the kitchen of the Girls' Boarding School.

*Aug. 11.*

1. The Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School stated that he had increased the terms of the S.F.A. by \$10.00 per quarter for the present due to the high prices.

2. Letters have been received from the Brn. Bishop and Mack, dated May 15, reporting that the war's distresses appeared to have passed them by and that all was quiet in the mission.

3. Sr. Lavinia Williams has indicated her willingness to take Johanna Mack on a trial basis. She will get her meals from the Girls' Boarding School for the same price as do the aged sisters in the Sisters' House, who also receive board from the Girls' Boarding School.

4. Due to the pressure of enrollment, the 10th room company has to be reinstated in the Girls' Boarding School. Sr. Pauline Hege has joined the teaching staff.

6. Since Br. and Sr. Grunert must vacate the house they occupy, the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School would like to get permanent living quarters for them at long last. He is of the opinion that under the present uncertainty regarding currency the purchase of a house, even for a relatively high figure, would be to the Boarding School's advantage. The Crist house is for sale; perhaps one could get the Schuman house, which would be very suitable.

*Aug. 20.*

Regarding a residence for Br. and Sr. Grunert, the Inspector reported that the Schuman house cannot be had; that the Crist house can be secured for \$3,800 without the lot, which would amount to an additional \$71.00; the Orestes Kuehln house, for \$4,000, the lot included; and the widow Vierling house, for \$1,000, the lot not included. The last would perhaps be most preferable, if it should not prove entirely too small for Br. and Sr. Grunert. If after inspection it should be considered unsuitable, the Crist house should be bought for \$3,500. Should the owner be unwilling to let it go for that price, we would have to take the Orestes Kuehln house.

*Sept. 2.*

1. The Inspector reported that he had bought the Crist house for \$3,500 as a residence for Br. and Sr. Grunert.

2. The P.A.C. discussed the circumstances of the congregation at Bethania and regretted very much that Br. Siewers has com-

pletely disregarded the admonitions so frequently given him regarding regular sessions of the committee. It is said that the committee at Bethania has not met for a long time past. To the best of the P.A.C.'s. knowledge also, it has been 3 years since the committee was elected. In each congregation the committee should hold at least quarterly meetings.

*Oct. 7.*

1. The Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School submitted the accounts of the institution for the period June 1, 1861, to May 31, 1862, and the balance sheet for May 31, 1862. It shows a surplus for this year of \$8,019.56. After it had been decided to let \$1,650 stand in the capital account, the balance was allocated as follows:

1. The Wachovia S. Diac.	\$1,000.00
2. To cover the purchase of the Crist house and lot	3,575.00
3. Furniture, bedding, and repairs, \$200 each	[600.00]
4. Ice dam	75.00
[5.] Dubious debts	1,119.56

*Nov. 10.*

On the 4th of this month a letter was received from Sr. Bishop, dated September 21 at Hico, Arkansas. It contained the tragic news of Br. James Ward's murder (on September 2) and Br. Gilbert Bishop's being taken prisoner by Cherokee Indians belonging to the federal army. The Cherokees, it seems, are divided into two parties, one of which adheres to the United States, the other to the Confederate States. Head chief Ross belongs to the former; he has left the Cherokee country. The latter is led by another chief. No reason is given for the murder of Br. Ward. He went to the woods toward evening to fetch the cows when he was suddenly attacked by 20 to 30 armed Indians and shot. Immediately thereafter Br. Bishop and Sr. Ward were led away as prisoners. The latter, however, was soon released. Nothing has been heard since then from Br. Bishop and his fate is quite uncertain. The Srs. Bishop and Ward, having buried Br. Ward with their own hands, remained at the Spring-place station for several days and then fled to Arkansas with their children. Sr. Bishop writes that Br. and Sr. Mack also have had to flee from Canaan to Arkansas, but had not yet joined the 2 sisters. Thus it seems that the Cherokee mission has

been abandoned for the time being, and the poor missionaries and their families are in a very tragic situation. At this time the P.A.C. could do no more than express our sympathy to our sisters (though it is most uncertain whether our letters will ever reach them) and hope soon to hear more from them, and also from Br. and Sr. Mack, and that Br. Bishop has returned from his captivity.

*Dec. 8.*

1. To our regret no further news has been received from the Cherokee mission.

2. Since the 40 acres of land which Br. Sheek, Sr., had designated and promised for the new church at Macedonia were recently sold by him to a non-Moravian, this land could perhaps be bought back by the committee at Macedonia at a low cost. The P.A.C. would probably have to find the means for this.

3. The terms for board at the S.F.A. will be increased by \$22.00 per quarter effective January 1, 1863. The exceedingly high prices for all provisions make this increase absolutely necessary. Sr. Mary Kraemer has joined the teaching staff of the Boarding School.

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*Jan. 19.*

1. There seems to be no prospect at all of buying back the 40 acres of land for the Macedonia church.

2. We took up a communication from 7 of the younger teachers in the Girls' Boarding School in which they ask for a raise in their salary due to the very high cost of living brought on by the war. Since the teachers receive free board, the P.A.C. could not quite see the need for such a raise because it is particularly the increase in the cost of all *provisions* that is characteristic of our present time. It is true that all items of clothing and shoes are also very expensive, but the impossibility of getting many of the former prevents any considerable outlays for them. In the case of the increases granted the ministers at the beginning of the year, there was no thought of raising the regular salary. In view of the great increase of costs, especially of shoes, the

P.A.C. resolved to make a gift of \$20.00 to all of the teachers in the Boarding School.

3. In this connection the P.A.C. also discussed an increase for Br. Grunert and decided that he should get the same as that granted to the ministers who receive their salaries from the Wachovia S.D. and the Salem Gemein Diac.: namely, \$40.00 for each member of the family, servants excluded. Br. Edward Lineback, music teacher in the Girls' Boarding School, is to receive the same increase.

4. With gratitude to the Lord, the P.A.C. has had news, which was contained in private correspondence from Bethlehem, of the arrival of Br. and Sr. Gilbert Bishop and their family in Bethlehem in November, 1862, and of Br. and Sr. Mack's safety, although we do not know where the latter couple is.

*March 3.*

1. For the year 1862 Br. Thomas Frye has received \$18.00 from the congregation at Philadelphia and \$48.25 from that at Friedland, a very low estimate being placed on the grain. The P.A.C. regretted very much that the congregation at Philadelphia in particular had not done more for their minister. The present war conditions, however, are very unfavorable for our saying much about this matter. The Sustent. Diac. will have to cover the deficit in Br. Frye's salary, since he could not manage otherwise in these days of very high prices.

*April 8.*

1. We took up a request from Br. Lewis Rights for a subsidy of \$150 for the year 1862. He needs this amount to cover his expenditures for the year 1862. The account submitted by him shows that he had received from Friedberg for 1862, \$240.40 in cash; \$17.50 in wheat; \$10.00 in corn; and \$18.00 from Hope—a total of \$285.90. The balance of \$14.10 needed to make up \$300, he can receive from the treasurer of the Sustent. Diac. without any further action. The P.A.C. also commends to the Financial Board his request as recorded above, since Br. Rights no doubt spent that much more, due to the high cost of living.

2. Br. Parmenio Lineback received for 1862 \$111.05 from Macedonia and \$7.70 from Muddy Creek, a total of \$118.75. He will receive from the treasurer of the Sustent. Diac. the balance needed to make up \$300.

*May 15.*

2. Due to the constant increase in the cost of all provisions, etc., the terms of the S.F.A. for the coming half year were set at \$40.00 per month for board and tuition, and at \$8.00 per quarter for music lessons.

*July 30.*

2. Johanna Mack would like to live for some time with her relatives, Br. and Sr. John Knause, members of the Friedberg congregation, who have invited her to stay with them. Since this couple is above reproach and it is desirable for Johanna Mack to get completely away from Salem for a time prior to her entering the Boarding School as a teacher, and since Sr. Lav. Williams also doesn't want to keep her any longer, it would seem best for her to accept her relatives' invitation.

3. Sr. Sophia Blum has joined the teaching staff of the Girls' Boarding School.

*Aug. 25.*

1. Br. Robt. de Schweinitz presented the request of various teachers in the Girls' Boarding School for a raise in salary in view of the constant rise in living costs brought about by the war. On the one hand, the P.A.C. again expressed the view that the teachers feel the increase in living costs the least. On the other hand, however, it was convinced of the need for a salary increase, since the fact alone that the wages of the female servants amount to as much as that of the teachers makes a salary increase necessary. Therefore, it was resolved to increase salaries from \$10.00 to \$20.00 for a four-week period and that of the supplementary teachers from 10¢ to 20¢ an hour—with the express provision that so soon as the present war situation would be changed, salaries would be reduced again.

*Oct. 5.*

1. Sr. Mary Zevely and Adelaide Sussdorf have joined the teaching staff of the Girls' Boarding School.

2. Br. Friebele reports from Mt. Bethel that Sr. Friebele is very ill. If he should need financial assistance in his distressing circumstances, some way must be found to supply it, if possible.

3. The accounts of the Girls' Boarding School were submitted by the Inspector for June 1, 1862, to May 31, 1863. They show a surplus of \$9,273.70, which was allocated as follows:

1. To the Wachovia Sust. Diac.	\$1,500.00
2. Repairs	1,000.00
[3.] Bedding	1,000.00
[4.] Furniture	1,000.00
[5.] Insurance on the buildings	1,000.00
[6.] Dubious debts	3,773.70

[\$9,273.70]

4. Since Br. Thomas Frye is in very poor health and Br. Parmenio Lineback can no longer remain with Sr. Hall's family now that she has "gone home," and no other suitable living quarters can be found for him at Macedonia, the idea was proposed of transferring the care of Friedland to Br. P. Lineback in addition to that of Macedonia and of serving Philadelphia from Salem until Br. Frye's health would improve. With regard to Br. Lineback, it appeared very desirable to the P.A.C. that he should marry again, because he then could serve his congregations better and also could reside at Friedland. If he could not find any living quarters as a widower at Friedland, he would probably have to live in Salem at least for the winter and serve his congregations from here. This the P.A.C. would consider most undesirable.

*Oct. 10.*

1. Br. Thomas Frye has expressed himself to the Brn. Bahnsen and Emil Schwitz., who called on him some days ago, as being quite agreeable to the arrangement that has been made (see the minutes of October 5, 1863). He still suffers a good deal.

2. Br. Parm. Lineback, who was present, expressed his disinclination to marry under the present war conditions and the high cost of living. At the same time he appeared to be convinced of the desirability of his living at Friedland if he could find quarters there. He accepts the proposal of taking charge of Friedland and tomorrow, Sunday, October 16, the committee is to be informed of his call to that congregation. He will deliver his initial sermon on the 25th. Br. Lineback will continue to serve Macedonia and Muddy Creek.

*Oct. 19.*

The reason for today's session was Br. Holland's desire to travel to Pennsylvania with his family to pay a visit to his old mother-in-law, who longs to see her only child once more. After prolonged efforts, he has finally received the necessary travel

permit from the Secretary of War of the C[onfederate] S[tates] and would like to leave by next week. Since his return is very doubtful so long as the war continues, Br. Holland makes the following proposal to the P.A.C. and asks it for its opinion.

He is prepared to resign his pastorate in Salem now at the time of his departure, if the P.A.C. should consider this desirable. Or he would retain it until the coming spring; should he be unable to return at that time and communication by letter be impossible, then his failure to appear would be considered as his resignation from his office. Br. Holland also wishes to have the P.A.C.'s permission to place his 2 sons in Pennsylvania educational institutions.

The P.A.C. was of the opinion that Br. Holland's resignation would not be necessary at this time. If he should return by the end of May, 1864, he would resume his office. Otherwise, his failure to return would be considered as his resignation. The P.A.C., however, retains the right to act in accordance with any developments, even prior to the date set, and in an emergency fill his post permanently. His salary will cease when he leaves, as he had proposed. As to his sons, the P.A.C. agreed to Willie's entering the college, provided he intends to enter the service of the church. Daniel may enter Nazareth Hall when he shall have reached the age of 10. If Br. Holland should not return, the P.A.C. at this place would have no say in this matter. For the temporary supply of Br. Holland's post in Salem, the following arrangement was made. Br. Bahnsen assumes the pastorate, and Br. Grunert is to be requested to give special attention to the negro church.

Nov. 9.

2. Because of the constant and great increase in the cost of all items, especially of provisions and clothing, the P.A.C. discussed the need of granting a subsidy for the year 1863 to the brethren who are employed at the Girls' Boarding School. Br. Grunert has appealed to the P.A.C. for help in making ends meet, and Br. Edward Lineback and Josua Boner also expect substantial assistance. As to Br. Grunert, the P.A.C. cannot help in any other way than by a grant of money, which was set at \$80.00 for each member of his family, therefore a total of \$480 for him and his 5 children; a grant of \$450 was voted for Br. Lineback and of \$250 for J. Boner. The terms of the Boarding School will have to be set at \$50.00 per month for board and

tuition, and this will scarcely be sufficient to cover the heavy outlays.

*Dec. 7.*

1. Sr. Joh. Mack, who has returned from an extended stay with her relatives in the vicinity of Friedberg, will occupy one of the larger rooms in the Sisters' House, but continue to get her meals from the kitchen of the Girls' Boarding School as formerly.

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*Feb. 8.*

1. Since Sr. Joh. Mack has begun to give music lessons, the Inspector promised to arrange to have her eat in the Boarding School dining room from now on. The terms of the Girls' Boarding School have been set at \$200 per quarter, effective February 1.

2. Because a provincial synod must be held this year in accordance with the constitution adopted for Wachovia by the General Synod of 1857, the P.A.C. resolved, due to the war situation, to leave the time of its convening indefinite in the hope that perhaps peace would be concluded prior to the end of the year.

3. Br. Lewis Rights has received a total of \$450 from his congregations for the year 1863 and has run behind in the amount of \$300; he intends to apply to the financial board for assistance to this amount. Br. Frye has received \$75.20 from Philadelphia for 1863. Br. Parm. Lineback has not submitted his account as yet, but needs considerable assistance, especially for the keep of his horse.

*March 7.*

1. Br. M. E. Grunert has given notice that he intends to marry the Single Sr. Maria Butner of Bethania, which had the full approval of the P.A.C.

2. In letters from Pennsylvania the sad news has reached us here that the Widowed Sr. Ward had died at West Salem while en route to Pennsylvania with her children.

3. As shown in his statement, Br. Parm. Lineback received for 1863:

From Macedonia	\$120.75
" Muddy Creek	46.00
" Friedland	1.50
	<hr/> \$168.25

*April 11.*

1. Br. Thomas Frye, pastor of the congregation at New Philadelphia, went home on March 31 in his 62nd year, following an illness of 7 months. His funeral took place at Philadelphia on April 2. Since this congregation has to be served from Salem for the time being, as was the case during Br. Frye's long illness, and yet one brother must hold the title of pastor of Philadelphia. Br. Bahnsen will assume it. The horse at that place, which is the property of the Sustentation, may be left there in lieu of its keep in charge of the widow, who needs it urgently on her farm. The buggy and harness are to be brought to Salem. Since Br. Frye's property is inconsiderable, the P.A.C. agreed to propose to the Financial Board that it pay for Br. Frye's coffin.

2. The P.A.C. discussed the need of seeing to it that the members of the rural congregations do not neglect the early baptism of their children. It will be specially desirable to have Br. Parm. Lineback urge the members at Macedonia not to be remiss in this duty.

*May 2.*

1. Since Sr. Frye wishes to retain the buggy and harness (see the minutes of April 11) for her use for the time being, the P.A.C. did not like to raise any objection, provided they would not be used by anyone else, though it would be better to bring them to Salem.

2. The P.A.C. discussed the terms at the S.F.A., which, due to the constantly rising prices and the difficulty of buying provisions, must be arranged for along some other lines than has been customary hitherto if the Boarding School is to be maintained. Br. Robt. Schwtz. proposed that, effective August 1, board be paid in kind or in gold according to the prewar price scale, but tuition at \$75.00 in currency per session of 5 months—special courses according to the same ratio.

3. The circumstances in the congregation at Bethania and of its pastor, Br. Jacob Siewers, were the subject of a serious dis-

cussion. The state of the times make any effective action regarding them difficult, indeed, make the wisdom of attempting it very dubious.

*June 2.*

1. Since both the buggy and the harness which Br. Frye had used are needed—the former for Friedberg, the latter for Macedonia and Friedland—Sr. Frye may not keep them, especially since she has no particular use for them.

2. Since Br. Holland has not returned by the end of May and also has not sent us any word about himself, his failure to return must be considered as his resignation from his office, as provided for in the terms of the agreement reached with him (see the minutes of October 19, 1863). Following mature consideration of all the circumstances and an interview with Br. Grunert, the P.A.C. deemed it wisest to have the temporary arrangement continue to the end of the war, as arrived at for the supply of his office when Br. Holland left.

*July 11.*

The application of the Single Sr. Christine Lick to get her meals from the Girls' Boarding School could not be granted in view of the terms agreed upon at the time when the Sisters' House kitchen was transferred.

*Sept. 5.*

1. The P.A.C. discussed the provincial synod which should be held this year still (see the minutes of February, 1864). Since there seems to be no prospect of the war's terminating quickly and a synod must be convened prior to the end of the year in accordance with our constitution, the end of November or the beginning of December would be the most suitable time for it. One day would probably suffice to take care of the business, since so long as the war continues and everything is in a state of uncertainty only such items should be taken up that cannot be delayed and all the rest postponed for a synod which should be held so soon as possible after peace has been concluded. In our next session the date of its convening can be set definitely.

2. The Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School submitted the accounts of the institution for June 1, 1863, to May 31, 1864. They show a surplus in the amount of \$5,857.29. The total of the outstanding debts has increased considerably. The surplus was allocated as follows:

1. Wachovia Sustent. Diac.	\$1,000.00
[2.] Repairs, bedding, and furniture accounts, \$800 each	[2,400.00]
[3.] Reserve for dubious debts	2,457.29
	[\$5,857.29]

Sr. Mary Pfohl has joined the Boarding School's teaching staff.

*Oct. 3.*

1. Wednesday, December 7, at 10 A.M., was set as the day and hour for convening the provincial synod which is to be held this year. Consequently, our P.A.C. will have to prepare a circular letter to be sent to the congregations summoning them to elect delegates in accordance with the resolutions of the provincial synod of 1858.

2. Br. Friebele, who was here recently, has asked for a visitation by the P.A.C. Br. Bahnsen will leave for there on the 7th of this month so as to be at Mt. Bethel on Sunday, the 9th.

3. With regard to the care of the congregation at New Philadelphia, our decision (see the minutes of April 11, 1864) was amended in this respect, that Br. Emil de Schweinitz is to assume the title of pastor of this congregation in view of the fact that he has served this congregation almost exclusively since Br. Frye's home going.

*Nov. 10.*

1. The P.A.C. discussed the supplementary salary grants to be made for the brethren who are employed at the Boarding School (the Inspector excepted, who needs no supplementary salary grant because of his special position, which provides him with completely free board, which amounts to much more than all supplementary grants). Since the expense of all necessities still continues to mount and the paper money (Confederate currency) is steadily losing its value, if we should follow the precedent set in dealing with ministers in past war years, in Br. Grunert's case a supplementary grant of \$125 for each member of his family, servants excepted, would by no means be too much, but rather hardly sufficient; so it was assigned to him. For Br. Edward Lineback \$800 was designated as a grant in aid, and for Br. Boner \$500. The terms of the Girls' Boarding School will have to be increased again at New Year's.

*Dec. 19.*

1. Various teachers have applied to the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School for an increase in their salary, since they are unable, paper money having so lost its value, to secure even the most essential articles of clothing with their present salary. Therefore, it was resolved to raise the salary from \$20.00 to \$28.00 for a four-week period.

2. The Wachovia Provincial Synod convened on December 7. It became evident, as was to have been anticipated in view of the prevailing war conditions and the great uncertainty regarding all our circumstances, that the situation of Wachovia is a quite unique one both in external and internal respects. We are completely cut off from the rest of the Moravian church; as regards internal affairs, thorough discussion would be scarcely possible and all the measures which should be taken could be carried out only very imperfectly. Therefore, the synod unanimously resolved: 1. That no election of the P.A.C. was to be held and that the P.A.C. as now constituted be asked to remain in office until a subsequent session of the provincial synod; 2. That the Financial Board similarly remain in office until such time; 3. That the provincial synod adjourn until the P.A.C. reconvene it, and that this should be done so soon as the times would permit real deliberation regarding the circumstances of the province. In conformity with this resolution, the Wachovia Provincial Synod adjourned in the afternoon of December 7, hoping for better times.

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[*Extracts translated.*]

*June 12.*

This was the first session for the year 1865 and the first since the end of the war.

1. The main subject today was the condition of the Girls' Boarding School. The situation of the Boarding School now at war's end is quite singular. Most of the pupils left for home with the close of the term at the end of May. There still are 30 to 40 girls here, of whom some will probably leave in the coming weeks. The rest, however, being cut off from every contact with their homes, will stay here for an indefinite time. At present

there is small prospect of any considerable enrollment for the coming year. Moreover, the financial situation of the whole South is so uncertain and poor that not only few payments have been made, but also there is little prospect for them in the future, in view of the fact that the whole country is drained of financial resources and nearly everyone has suffered heavy losses. The question, therefore, arises as to which would be the wisest course under these circumstances: to close the Boarding School for a time, or to arrange to reduce it substantially and carry it on with the Lord's help. The P.A.C. could not do other than to recognize the latter arrangement to be the only right one. Therefore, it was resolved to maintain the Girls' Boarding School on as reduced a scale as possible, both as regards external and internal arrangements; at present these are calculated to take care of 200 boarders, but in the coming semester we will have to count on a very much smaller number. The conference did not at this time take up the details involved in this.

*July 24.*

2. Since the account sent by Br. Sylv. Wolle, treasurer of the Pennsylvania Sustent. Diac., to Br. Thos. Pfahl, treasurer of our Sustentation, charges our Sustentation full stipends for the 2 daughters of Br. Fr. Holland according to Pennsylvania rates, i.e., @ \$200 per annum, this gave occasion for a discussion of Br. Holland's present relation to our district. Since the end of May, 1864, he has no longer been the pastor of the Salem congregation, as provided for in the agreement reached with him when he left of his own free will (see the minutes of October 19, 1863); indeed, he has no close connection of any kind with us. Thus no claims can really be made on the Sustent. Diac. at this place for his 2 daughters, regarding whose education no understanding was reached at the time of their leaving. Yet because Br. Holland's status in Pennsylvania is an unusual one, since he does not there appear to be considered as in the service of the Pennsylvania province, we agreed to grant the stipend customary in Wachovia for the daughters of Salem ministers, namely \$50.00 per annum, so long as his daughters are entitled thereto, i.e., for Marg. Holland only to May, 1864, and for Anna until further notice or until he shall be given a formal appointment in Pennsylvania. Even this threatens to become a heavy burden in view of the very uncertain prospects relative to the financial state of our Sustent. Diac. This should be reported to

the Pennsylvania P.A.C. As to the appointment of Br. Holland in our district, we are unable to reach a decision at present, since no changes or appointments would be advisable prior to the provincial synod which we are to hold. The time of convening this provincial synod was left open on account of the financial condition of the state of North Carolina, which at present is still uncertain and in the balance. This will have a very considerable effect upon our Sustent. Diac.

3. Br. Robert Schwtz. expressed his wish to send his son Lewis to Nazth. Hall on a trial basis, the war having prevented him from doing so before. The P.A.C. voted in favor of this; the stipend at Nazth. Hall is \$200 per annum.

4. We discussed the Girls' Boarding School again. There are not many applications and everything seems to be in suspense. The terms have been set at \$85.00 for board and room per session. The situation calls for economies in the external and internal arrangement of the Boarding School. The number of room companies is to be reduced to 5, and those teachers who had been employed most recently and are not needed must leave for the time being. Sr. Joh. Mack, due to her special circumstances in having no real home, will be kept on as a teacher. In connection with the externals of the domestic establishment, all horses except 2 are to be given up and also all of the negroes who had been rented. The remaining kitchen staff and servants will be reduced as circumstances may direct.

5. To our joy the first letters in 4 years have been received from Br. L. T. Reichel from the U.A.C., the first dated April 4; the other, June 9.

*Aug. 21.*

1. According to his statement Br. Parmenio Lineback received for 1864:

From Macedonia \$104 in Confederate money, plus 3 bushels of wheat and 3 bushels of corn

From Muddy Creek \$15 in Confederate money, plus 3 bushels of corn

From Friedland \$22 in Confederate money, plus 1 bushel of wheat and 1 bushel of sweet potatoes

His statement will have to be submitted to the Finance Board. It is clear that the rural congregations must make a greater effort to support their ministers. This will be an important item to take up in the provincial synod.

*Sept. 13.*

2. A letter arrived today from Br. Jacobson containing a call from the Pennsylvania P.A.C. to Br. Jacob F. Siewers at Bethania to be the English-speaking minister in the congregation at West Salem, Illinois. As a replacement for Br. Siewers, the Brn. Wesley Spach, Morgan Smith, Henry Cooper, and Herman Hoffman are offered us—the last-named, however, only in case of extreme need, since it would be difficult to fill his place in Philadelphia at present. Since Br. Siewers is of somewhat advanced age, the Pennsylvania P.A.C. proposes that, should he retire in the near future, his pension be divided between the Pennsylvania and the Wachovia S.D. The P.A.C. had no objection to raise against Br. Siewers' call, but could *not* agree to the proposed division of his pension.

*Sept. 16.*

1. Br. Jacob F. Siewers has accepted the call to West Salem.  
2. The P.A.C. now took up the matter of filling his position. After mature deliberation, the following decisions were reached: Br. Lewis Rights is to receive a call to succeed Br. Siewers at Bethania with Bethabara, since due to the very confused state of things at Bethania an experienced brother should serve as minister there. Br. Parmenio Lineback of Friedland is called to succeed Br. Rights at Friedberg and to be responsible for the small congregations at Macedonia and Muddy Creek at the same time. Br. Henry Cooper was called to succeed Br. Lineback at Friedland, he appearing to be the best suited of the brethren who had been offered; he will also assume responsibility for Hope. For the time being Br. Emil Schwtz. will continue to be responsible for Philadelphia. The call to Br. Cooper involves authorization for him to become married.

3. A letter was discussed from a Mr. Douglass in Missouri, which proposed our establishing a colony in his area. Under present conditions we could not think of such a step.

*Oct. 30.*

[1.] The brethren in Wachovia who are named above have accepted the calls extended to them. On September 27 several brethren of the Friedberg and Friedland committees were here to request the P.A.C. not to carry out the moves which had been decided upon. It was made clear to them, however, that their wish could not be granted.

2. It was decided to convene the Wachovia Provincial Synod on Tuesday, November 14, at 10 A.M.

3. The Widower Br. Parmenio Lineback was joined in marriage with the Single Sr. Sarah Blum of Salem on October 3.

4. The Bethabara harmonium, which is at the disposition of the P.A.C., is to be taken to Friedberg, since it is no longer needed at Bethabara.

5. Br. Henry Cooper has accepted his call conditionally. His letter to Br. Jacobson displays a marked lack of familiarity with church affairs. He plans to marry a daughter of Br. Joseph Stauber of Moravia, Iowa.

6. Br. Gilbert Bishop informed Br. E. A. de Schweinitz, during the latter's recent visit to Bethlehem, of his decision to leave mission service. He hopes to be able to make a living in Bethlehem without drawing any pension. The situation in the Cherokee mission does not appear to have been regulated. Br. Mack is still living in Missouri, where he has purchased a house of his own. The circumstances relating to the Cherokee mission call for a thorough discussion so soon as our conference can obtain a somewhat clearer insight into the actual situation.

7. A letter from Br. Clemens from the U.A.C. contains the report of Br. G. A. Cunow's resignation for reasons of health, with the summons for an election to fill Br. Cunow's place in the Department of Missions. The P.A.C. agreed to vote for the brethren 1. Goetz in St. Croix; 2. Abr. Lichtenhäler in Jamaica; 3. Allan Hamilton in Jamaica.

*Nov. 13.*

1. A letter from Br. Henry Cooper, dated October 23, reports his acceptance of his call and his intention of being married to the Single Sr. Ellen Stauber before he leaves Moravia.

2. Sr. Sarah Lineback was received as an acoluth on November 7 in a P.A.C. session.

3. Br. Robert Schweinitz submitted the accounts of the Girls' Boarding School for June 1, 1864, to May 31, 1865. They show a deficit in income of \$3,978.69, due to the financial disorders caused by the war. Under the present circumstances it is difficult to judge the financial condition of the Boarding School. Among the assets there are very considerable amounts, which probably are almost a complete loss, some being deposits in the S[alem] Savings Inst[itute], some in the cash account, e.g., N[orth] C[arolina] Treasury Notes.

The constitution for Wachovia had been amended by the Wachovia Provincial Synod, which convened from November 14 to 21, 1865, in such a way that the office of president of the P.A.C. ceases to be a full-time position, partly to reduce the expenditures of the Sustentation, partly for other reasons, and that the P.A.C. consists from now on of two brethren elected from among the active or retired Wachovia ministers in addition to the administrator. Therefore, the newly-elected Brethren G. F. Bahnsen and Lewis Christian Rights met with Br. Emil A. de Schweinitz, the administrator, in the afternoon of November 21, following the adjournment of synod, to organize the board in their capacity as the present members of the P.A.C. Br. G. F. Bahnsen was elected president and Br. E. A. de Schweinitz recording secretary. November 28 was set as the date for the first regular session.

*Nov. 28.*

2. Br. Henry Cooper and his wife Ellen, m. n. Stauber, who had been married at Moravia, Iowa, on November 9, arrived here on November 25. The P.A.C. now had an interview with Br. Cooper regarding his office and the manner in which it should be carried out at Friedland and Hope. We also resolved to receive Sr. Cooper as an acoluth this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Br. Cooper having left, the P.A.C. took up

3. the permanent appointment of a pastor of Salem, which post had been filled on a temporary basis since Br. Holland's leaving. Though it would be desirable again to have a full-time pastor, the P.A.C. could not take such action in view of the critical condition of the Salem Gemein Diaconie resulting from the war losses and the impossibility of raising two salaries. Therefore, it extended a call to Br. G. F. Bahnsen to be pastor of the Salem congregation and to Br. M. E. Grunert to be assistant pastor (drawing his salary from the Girls' Boarding School as its assistant Inspector). Notification of these appointments must be given to the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees of the Salem congregation for their ratification.

4. In view of the character of the applicant, it seemed inadvisable to grant the application of a certain Berry, called Kent, for permission to occupy the parsonage and rent the land at Hope and to keep the fence in repair in lieu thereof. In any case, the Hope committee would first have to agree to this.

*Dec. 21.*

2. Br. E. J. Mack's letter of November 25 provides us with a short account of his experiences during the war. He is living in a house of his own in Missouri and thinks it would be advisable to visit the Cherokee country in the spring to learn the present state of affairs and to take measures at the same time for planting corn at one of the stations to enable a missionary to occupy it in the fall of 1866. At the time of writing Br. Mack did not have any accurate news regarding the state of the Cherokees. It would be desirable, if he could, for him to obtain information on this point, since without it we are unable to reach any satisfactory decisions concerning the reopening of the mission. Br. Mack's inquiry about his daughter's travel expenses, in case she should rejoin her parents, was referred to the U.M.D. The P.A.C. also discussed the advisability of turning over the whole Cherokee mission to the administration of the Pennsylvania P.A.C., but reached no definite conclusion.

3. The following brethren, who in October had been elected members of the committee at Bethania, were approved by the P.A.C.: namely, Joseph Transou, Nathl. Pfaff, Elias Schaub, Thomas Lash, Wm. Lehman, Thomas Kapp—and Levin Grabs, steward. Also, those elected at Bethabara on November 19: the Brn. Henry Fogel, John H. Shore, Lewis Hine—and Chr. Hauser, steward.

4. Br. Grunert has accepted his call as assistant pastor in Salem, but, because of his office as assistant Inspector, under the following conditions: that no more would be required of him than— 1. the charge of the negro congregation; 2. the charge of the Sunday School; 3. assistance in conducting services, and as to preaching services, not oftener than once a month as a rule. The P.A.C. was satisfied with this arrangement, and, since the boards of the Salem congregation have also given their approval, Salem thus has again been provided for.

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[*Extracts translated.]*

*Feb. 1.*

1. The brethren Jonathan Lowder, Will Gibbins, Eli Weavel, and Chr. Emanl. Reed, and Amos Stewart, who had been



The Reverend Christian Lewis Rights, minister of Friedland, Friedberg, Bethabara, and Bethania, and a member and later president of the Provincial Elders' Conference (From a photograph in the possession of Mrs. Kenneth L. Greenfield)



The Right Reverend Emil Alexander de Schweinitz, principal of the Salem Female Academy, administrator of the Unity's holdings in North Carolina, and a member and later president of the Provincial Helpers' Conference (Moravian Archives)

elected at Friedland as the members of the committee, were approved by the P.A.C.

3. We took up a letter from Br. E. J. Mack containing his views regarding the renewal of the Cherokee mission. He believes, though probably erroneously, that in consequence of the missionaries' leaving, the land on which the stations had been established had reverted to the nation in conformity to Cherokee laws. No mail connections exist with the Cherokee country, which makes it very difficult to have any contact with it. He considers New Springplace to be the station which a missionary ought to reoccupy. Relations between the nation and the United States are by no means settled as yet. The whole subject of renewing the mission is combined with a variety of difficulties.

*March 1.*

1. A letter from the U.A.C., dated January 15 and received on February 9, contains the formal statement of the U.A.C. regarding the resolution of the Wachovia Provincial Synod dealing with protracted meetings and the shouting which at times occurs in them. The U.A.C. did not as yet have the printed abstract of the proceedings of the provincial synod. Br. Clemens writes: "The U.A.C. cannot approve the resolution adopted by it (the provincial synod) regarding shouting during protracted meetings, namely: 'Should shouting and similar demonstrations occur on such occasions, we do not by any means consider this to be an essential part of worship.' Rather it must definitely go on record to the effect that such shouting or groaning in public services is completely *opposed* to the spirit of our Church. Certainly one should not encourage it; but whether it is possible to prevent it at the time of a revival, especially among uneducated farm folk is a different question. In Jamaica we experienced a good deal of this kind of thing at the great revival, though we had not sought for it. However it soon disappeared when the people saw we did not approve of it, and experience has shown that quiet revivals have been more lasting than the loud kind which are accompanied by much shouting. May our Lord grant all of His servants true wisdom in addition to true zeal to direct His work aright and not to mar it in any way." This will have to be communicated to all of the Wachovia ministers first of all. However, it had not at all been the intention of the provincial synod to encourage or approve shouting, etc., but just the opposite, and to help all to recognize that true religion is not to be sought for by such means. Perhaps the U.A.C. will it-

self have become convinced of the intent of the resolution now that it has received it in the somewhat different wording of the abstract of the minutes.

2. The plan was discussed, which had been suggested before, of giving the congregations at Hope and Macedonia a special minister of their own. A brother of Salem has offered, if a *suitable* brother could be found as minister, to assume responsibility for seeing that his support would not become a charge on the Sustent. Diac. for the first 12 months, in the hope that during this period the congregations would grow to the point of being able to maintain their minister themselves. This hope could scarcely be realized under the most favorable circumstances. Br. Wesley Spach is the only candidate for appointment in our province. We were not certain of his being suited for this. Therefore, this matter must be discussed further.

3. We have received the report of the committee appointed by authority of the provincial synod to visit our rural congregations, to draw their attention to the necessity—due to the heavy losses occasioned by the war—of their contributing more for the support of their ministers and for the Sustent. Diac. It provides an encouraging account of the willingness of our members to contribute according to their ability and also of the affectionate and fraternal spirit in which the committee was received in all of the congregations. Further discussion was postponed till after Easter.

#### *April 5.*

2. Br. Clemen's letter of February 19 to Br. E. A. v. S. contains the U.A.C.'s decision regarding the Cherokee mission. 1. That it is to be maintained. 2. That its direction and management are to remain in the hands of the Wachovia P.A.C. 3. That Br. Mack is to make a trip into the Cherokee country to investigate.

3. The P.A.C. could not reach any definite decision in this session regarding a special minister for Hope and Macedonia. It seems that Br. Wesley Spach, who displays great willingness and zeal, does not give satisfaction to the Macedonia people in his public addresses, and we could not risk giving him an appointment there in opposition to their express wish. The congregation at Macedonia, however, would very much like to have a minister of its own whom they would consider suitable.

4. The synodal committee's report was now taken up. According to it, the committee has completed its task. The P.A.C. can-

not but go on record that, considering the present scarcity of money, the rural congregations have done their duty in view of their greatly increased subscriptions; this must be reported to the congregations in a circular letter as directed by the provincial synod. For the P.A.C. to visit the congregations seems useless and would be difficult to carry out, since it would have to be done of a Sunday. The congregations have subscribed as follows for the year 1866: 1. *Friedberg*, \$300 for its pastor; it has also promised to cultivate the church land for his benefit—and it will contribute \$40.00 direct to the Wachovia Sust. Diac.; 2. *Bethania*, \$265 for its pastor; 3. *Bethabara*, \$51.50 for its pastor; 4. *Macedonia*, \$100 for the Sust. Diac. in the event of its pastor's receiving enough for his support from the subscription of the Friedberg people; 5. *Friedland*, \$100 for its pastor; it also promises to cultivate the land; 6. *Hope*, \$46.50 for its pastor; and 7. *Philadelphia*, \$60.00 for the Sust. Diac.—a total of \$961.50. In addition, the Salem congregation has subscribed about \$700 to \$800 for the Sustent. Diac.

5. Br. P. Lineback has submitted his account of his income for 1865, which must be passed on to the Financial Board for further action. The income from all 3 of his congregations is exceptionally low.

#### *May 3.*

1. Br. Lewis Rights's statement regarding his income from the congregations of Friedberg and Hope of \$185 for the year 1864 and of \$187 for 1865 is to be passed on to the Financial Board for further action.

#### *May 21.*

1. Today a letter came from Br. Jacobson in Bethlehem, dated May 17, containing a call to Br. Robert de Schweinitz from the Pennsylvania P.A.C. for him to become the Inspector at Nazareth Hall, since Br. Edward Reichel wishes to retire from service temporarily on account of sickliness. The Pennsylvania P.A.C. offers us any brother we choose as a replacement should, as would be unavoidable, a vacancy occur in the circle of the Wachovia ministers due to the acceptance of this call. It requests us, however, only in the case of extreme need to consider any such brethren who have quite recently accepted calls to new charges in Pennsylvania. The move is to go into effect by the middle of July if possible so that the new Inspector of the Hall could be at his place in time for the beginning of

the school in August. Though the P.A.C. foresaw the difficulties which we would face as result of the acceptance of this call, it is to be passed on to Br. Robert Schweinitz at once. Since we were pretty certain of its being accepted, we decided to take up immediately the subject of a successor for him in his office in Salem. In view of Br. Grunert's having been the assistant Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School since 1857 and our assurance of his being very well suited for this office, the P.A.C. was of the unanimous opinion that Br. M. E. Grunert should be offered the office of Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School at Salem. A brother will have to be called to replace him as assistant Inspector and assistant pastor of the Salem congregation, who would draw his salary from the Girls' Boarding School. The most desirable arrangement, that of appointing an additional brother to devote himself exclusively to the service of the Salem congregation as its assistant pastor, cannot be put into effect due to the straitened circumstances of the Salem Gem. Diac., so that the said plan is the only expedient to secure adequate care of the Salem congregation, inclusive of the negro congregation.

3. As regards an appointment for Br. Wesley Spach, the P.A.C. considered it best for him to remain a teacher in the Boys' School. Of a Sunday he could preach at various places, for which there is abundant opportunity; in connection with this, thought should be given to his being received as an acoluth.

#### *May 28.*

2. Br. Wesley Spach is not led to remain as a teacher in the local Boys' School in Salem any longer, for which position he is indeed not particularly suited. Perhaps he could live with his father, since we most certainly have no means for his support, and thus prepare himself for service along the lines indicated in paragraph 3 of the minutes of May 21.

3. Br. Robert de Schweinitz has accepted his call to become Inspector of Nazareth Hall; similarly, Br. Grunert is to be Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School at Salem. Br. Grunert wishes to be relieved of all responsibility connected with the pastorate. The P.A.C. was thus able to take up the question of an assistant pastor and assistant Inspector at Salem. In this connection we agreed after mature deliberation not to consider at this time Br. Parmenio Lineback, the only candidate in Wachovia for this post, partly because he had assumed a new charge only a few months ago and partly because said brother does not seem entirely fitted for the combined posts. The

brethren Herman Brickenstein and Eugene Leibert appeared to the P.A.C. to be the most suitable possibilities, and we agreed, since the Pennsylvania P.A.C. had given us a free hand in this matter, to submit the choice between these 2 brethren to the Lord by means of the lot. We were instructed: "The Saviour approves our offering to Br. Herman Brickenstein the post of assistant Inspector and assistant pastor at Salem." Br. Bahnsen will write to Br. Jacobson tomorrow accordingly.

4. In connection with the Girls' Boarding School, it was further to be observed that some other arrangement must be made regarding the bookkeeper. The practice, which has crept in for a considerable time, of one man drawing a salary while letting others do the work cannot be permitted. Furthermore, the salary paid seems too high in view of the greatly reduced work.

*June 19.*

1. A letter has been received from Br. Jacobson, dated June 9, reporting that Br. Herman Brickenstein had not accepted the call extended to him. We cannot acquiesce in the assertions of the Pennsylvania P.A.C. concerning our use of the lot in this instance, since the case at issue was quite an unusual one. The Pennsylvania P.A.C., without prior consultation with us and despite our difficult situation, which was well known, had issued a call directly to a brother in our province whose leaving us had caused a gap in the circle of our ministers which would be hard to fill. In return they offered us any brother in their district, with one single proviso (see the minutes of May 21). We observed their expressed wish to the letter, but resorted to the lot for our own guidance. That the Pennsylvania P.A.C. had forgotten to exclude Br. Brickenstein, as Br. Jacobson writes, was their mistake, not ours. Under the circumstances, the rule did not apply which provides that no P.A.C. may appeal to the lot regarding a brother who is not employed in its province without prior consultation with the P.A.C. concerned, since the Pennsylvania P.A.C. had already given us carte blanche.

The P.A.C., having again considered at length the filling of the combined posts, resolved to propose Br. Albert Oerter, whom the Pennsylvania P.A.C. had suggested as a suitable brother.

*July 5.*

2. It had been considered desirable last spring, particularly because of the U.S. taxes, to obtain an act of incorporation from

the assembly of North Carolina for Salem Female Academy, by which the P.A.C., as trustees of the institution, is empowered to establish all regulations and rules for the internal and external management of the Boarding School. Therefore, it seemed desirable to formulate and adopt the following 2 articles as bylaws of Salem Female Academy.

*Section 1.* The president of S.F.A. (the new title given the Inspector in the charter) shall manage & conduct the internal & outward affairs & business of the Academy as the principal of the institution heretofore conducted the same, according to existing rules & such other regulations as may be, from time to time, laid down by the Board of Trustees for the government of the institution.

*Section 2.* In the management of the affairs of the S.F.A., the president of the same shall in all respects be subject, in accordance with the principles of the Moravian church, to the supervision of the Board of Trustees and responsible to the same for his official acts.

3. Br. Robert de Schweinitz, who is about to give up his post as Inspector at Salem, now submitted the annual account of the institution for June 1, 1865, to May 31, 1866, and also the balance sheet of May 31, 1866. The annual account shows a surplus of \$7,824.56, resulting from the considerable increase in the terms without there having been a further increase in expenditures. The balance sheet contains considerable amounts under the assets, e.g., the deposits in the S.S. Institute [Salem Savings Institute], North Carolina treasury notes, etc., which to a large extent must probably be considered as losses. Since Br. Grunert is about to assume the office of Inspector, the P.A.C. resolved to allocate only \$1,500 of the surplus to the Wachovia Sustent. Diac., even though the Sustentation Diac., in view of its straitened circumstances, really needs a much larger subsidy from the Girls' Boarding School. The rest of the surplus, \$6,324.56, is to be used to create a reserve fund to cover the above-mentioned questionable assets.

4. At Friedberg the following have been elected as members of the committee and approved by the P.A.C.: the Brethren Nathl. Mack, Jesse Mack, Solomon Hege, Benj. Spach, Eli Sides, Wm. Shore, John Burk, and Levi Padget, steward.

5. In Bethania, where thanks to the Lord's blessing a revival is going on and 2 confirmations have already been held, the following non-Moravians have applied to become members of the congregation—by Holy Baptism: William Glascock and Louisa

Faircloth; by confirmation: Will. Stoltz, Wm. Johnson, Shepherd Johnson, and John Johnson. The P.A.C. approves all of them and comends them to the Lord.

*July 26.*

1. Br. Albert Oerter reports the acceptance of his call under date of July 15; as yet the time of his arriving here is undetermined.

2. Br. E. J. Mack's letter of July 12 contains the account of his exploratory journey to the Cherokee country. He was received with much love and joy; the wish was frequently expressed for teachers to reside among them again. Br. Mack's stay was of short duration only. The station of Canaan was destroyed completely and much damage was done at New Springplace also. The buildings have suffered much and fences and trees are completely destroyed, in part by brush fires. Nearly all of the furniture has disappeared or has been destroyed, and all cattle are gone. Following a discussion of the report, the P.A.C. resolved to have Br. Mack and his family move to New Springplace as early as possible in the fall to reopen the mission there. He will have to take steps gradually to have the most necessary repairs made to the buildings and the fields fenced in. In time thought will have to be given also to the establishment of a school, for which there is a great desire. It was also resolved to offer Br. Mack a fixed salary of \$500 per annum plus free medicine, in lieu of the arrangement in effect up to now. It would begin on June 1, 1867, since due to his moving and recommencing the work this new arrangement could hardly be activated before then. The sum thus set is approximately the same as that which he and his family have required.

3. The P.A.C. now had another interview with Br. Grunert, the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School. It will be well to curtail the unnecessarily large domestic establishment. Furthermore, the salary of the bookkeeper was set at \$300 per annum, effective January 1, 1867, as being entirely sufficient in view of the much reduced work.

4. On July 8 the Brethren John Butner, Friedr. Burkhardt, and Timothy Transou were elected members of the committee of the congregation at Philadelphia and Br. Thomas Spach steward; they were approved by the P.A.C.

*Sept. 6.*

1. Br. Grunert, the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School, was present and discussed with the P.A.C. various items of con-

cern to the Boarding School. It would not be unreasonable to require payment from town children for special instruction in singing. According to the arrangement made by the Provincial Synod of 1858, the children of ministers are entitled to attend without charge all classes in the Boarding School, providing they have the necessary qualifications for them. Since Br. Grunert had not yet notified the bookkeeper of the change in his salary, and since due to Br. Boner's special circumstances such a change might perhaps appear burdensome at this time, the P.A.C. decided to let the matter rest until the end of the fiscal year, i.e., until May 31, 1867.

3. Br. Sylv. Wolle, the treasurer of the Pennsylvania Sust. Diac., in a letter to Br. Thos. Pfohl, the treasurer of the Wachovia S.D., proposes in the name of the Pennsylvania P.A.C. that since the war had prevented Br. Robert Schweinitz from sending his son Louis to Nazareth Hall, our S.D. should pay the stipend of \$200 per annum for him for the next 3 years, even though Br. Robert Schwitz. is employed in Pennsylvania. We could not at all agree to this proposal in view of our straitened circumstances.

4. The P.A.C. now took up a letter, dated August 1, from a Presbyterian preacher, J. M. Wilson, a native of North Carolina and a resident of Seguin, Texas. In it he requests more exact information about our Moravian church because of his wish that the various denominations represented in the area of Texas in which he resides might unite in it [the Moravian church]. He inquires whether we would be able to send a Moravian minister there, etc. A number of Moravian publications have already been forwarded to him. We are unable to send anyone there.

5. Br. and Sr. Albert Oerter arrived here safely on August 31 with their little son. Br. Oerter will become the recording secretary of the Landarbeiter Cfz.

*Dec. 6.*

2. Br. Wesley Spach, who is staying at York, Pennsylvania, and who earlier had sought from us some definite assurance of an appointment in Wachovia in the near future—which we had been unable to give him—now informs us under date of November 27 that he has decided to unite with the Lutheran church and requests the necessary certificates.

3. We took up letters from Br. Mack at Springplace, dated October 25 and November 8. In the former Br. Mack reports his safe arrival at Springplace with his family, and in the latter his

journey to Tah-le-quah and his negotiations there with the head chief W. P. Ross and other important men. The proposal made by the Superintendent of Public Schools that we should turn over the schoolhouse at New Springplace to him for the time being to be used as a public school was approved, with the proviso that the schoolhouse should be returned to us at any time for use as a mission school upon our demanding it and that Br. Mack should have the right to visit this public school and hold religious instruction in it. The suggestion has also been made within the Cherokee nation that we might assume responsibility for the education of the orphaned Cherokee children, of whom there may be as many as 2,000.

4. We discussed a letter from Br. Sylv. Wolle, written in the name of the Pennsylvania P.A.C., regarding the stipends for Louis Schweinitz (see above). In view of our poverty we can do nothing in this connection. Therefore, it is hardly necessary to investigate the justice of the Pennsylvania P.A.C.'s demand. A letter from Br. Jacobsen, dated November 28, offers us the management and direction of the Freedmen's Mission in Mississippi. We are convinced that the mission would suffer as a result of such a transfer. The voluntary contributions, which come exclusively from the North, would certainly be reduced because active interest in the mission would be weakened. All in all, we believe that we should not accept this proposal for the good of the cause.

5. Young Br. Benjamin Lineback of Bethania would like to prepare himself for the ministry. Br. Rights speaks well of him. Under the present rules he would have to enter the grammar school at Bethlehem prior to his attending the college. This would call for \$200 per annum. According to the statements of various brethren in Salem, there is hope that this sum would be raised by private subscriptions and that only a part, and perhaps a very small part, of the annual stipend would fall on the Wachovia S. Diac. Upon this assumption the P.A.C. resolved to make a trial with this young brother for a year at first.

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[Extracts translated.]

*March 13.*

1. The plan regarding Br. Benjamin Lineback has failed.

2. We have received Br. Mack's diary to the end of 1866 and a letter dated January 21, 1867. The Indian congregation has been widely scattered by the war. Only very few communicant members seem still to be living.

5. Br. Henry Cooper, the pastor of Friedland, wishes to enter mission service. He himself has written to the Department of Missions regarding this. Though Br. Cooper has certain peculiarities, the P.A.C. can recommend him as a sincere brother who desires to serve his Lord. Since the Friedland congregation has subscribed far too little in support of its pastor for the year 1867, the committee is to be instructed to circulate the subscription list again.

6. As we hear from Bethlehem, Br. Isaac Prince plans to visit Salem next year to discuss his work among the Freedmen with the brethren at this place.

*May 2.*

1. The P.A.C. discussed the situation in the congregation at Friedland. The committee has replied to the P.A.C.'s letter: "that they did not intend to do any more for the support of their pastor, because they had no confidence in Br. Cooper"; further, that this was the feeling not at Friedland only, but also at Kernersville. The latter claim appears to be without foundation, to judge by statements from the Kernersville members. It seemed best for the P.A.C. to propose our holding a personal interview with the committee at Friedland.

*May 8.*

1. Yesterday the P.A.C. had an interview with the committee at Friedland. Br. Cooper, who had gone to Kernersville the day before, was prevented by the severe rainstorm from returning home and therefore did not attend it. Unhappily the detailed discussion with the committee showed very clearly that both the committee and the congregation have completely lost confidence in Br. Cooper. They appear to be finished with him. Br. Cooper has not shown the necessary tact and consistency in his dealings with the congregation. It will be best for us to speak with him and make clear to him: 1. that regular sessions of the committee should be held to prevent its members from getting the impression that they *intentionally* are not asked to give advice; 2. that tact and caution are needed in dealing with people; and also 3. consistency in word and deed to avoid any question as to his sincerity.

*June 6.*

1. Since Br. and Sr. John A. Friebele have now been stationed at Mt. Bethel, Virginia, for many years and the raw climate does not agree with Sr. Friebele, it would be desirable to arrange for a change before next winter. The question whether the Salem Home Mission Society would be in a position to continue to support a home missionary at Mt. Bethel should be raised with the Home Mission Board so soon as possible.

2. Mr. Cook, who would like to join at Macedonia, is still not able to rid himself completely of his prejudices against infant baptism. Br. Lineback will speak to him.

3. In its present state the Salem Gemein Diac. is no longer in a position to pay the contribution to the Wachovia Sustent. Diac. which it formerly was accustomed to give. Therefore, the Board of Trustees of the Salem congregation requests that this annual contribution be reduced, at least for the duration of the present financial situation. The P.A.C. referred further consideration and decision of this matter to the Financial Board, with the comment that, according to the agreement, the Salem Gemein Diac. was under obligation to provide an annual contribution in accordance with its ability.

4. The first payment has been made in connection with the amount of \$300 which a sister had donated to the Wachovia P.A.C. years ago for use at its discretion, and which had been deposited as a certificate account in the S. Savings Institute in Br. Robert Schweinitz' name. Therefore, this amount of about \$34.00 had best be deposited with the Wachovia Sustent. Diac. and be entered in its books as the Wachovia P.A.C. Fund, and the treasurer also be given the S.S. Inst. certificate for safe-keeping.

*July 4.*

1. Br. Cooper's receipts for 1866 from Friedland and Hope,  
in cash \$140.00  
in oats 10.00  
in corn 70.00  

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\$220.00

4. We have received letters from Br. Mack, dated May 9 and 11 with his report, and also of June 7. According to them it appears that all missionary activity among the Cherokees is limited almost entirely to us, and a wide door is opening for our work. Whether it would be appropriate to consider the appointment of a 2nd missionary remains in question as yet.

*July 8.* Br. Rights absent.

Since at the request of the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School a meeting of the P.A.C. had been called for today to give him an opportunity to submit the annual accounts, but Br. Rights had not come, the other 2 Brn. of the P.A.C. examined the accounts with Br. Grunert, so that the latter might not be held up any longer with his books. The accounts of the Girls' Boarding School show a gratifying surplus of \$8,365.90. Though some of the assets of the Boarding School are very questionable and must in part be considered a complete loss, the P.A.C., in allocating the surplus, was compelled to appropriate \$2,500 to the Wachovia Sustent. Diac. in view of its pressing need. Of this amount \$1,050 have already been paid out by the treasurer during the course of the year, so that only an additional \$1,450 will really be left to be turned over to him. In addition, \$473.81 were voted for meeting the costs of the education of Alice Rights and Louisa Friebele, and \$100 as a contribution to the Kernersville church. The remainder of the surplus, namely \$5,291.78 [sic], is to be credited to the reserve fund, and from it \$6,438.55 in North Carolina treasury notes must be written off as a complete loss. —No further decision was reached with regard to the salary of the treasurer.

The salary of the teachers in the Boarding School should be put on an equal footing with that of the teachers in the Bethlehem Boarding School. Br. Grunert will inquire about this from Br. Wolle. It will probably be necessary to raise the salary of those teachers who give instruction in the Boarding School only on an hourly basis. The Inspector is authorized to attend to this. The Inspector will have to use his own judgment as to whether more than one doctor will be needed for the care of sick persons at the Boarding School.

*July 24.* Br. Ernst Reichel, a member of the U.A.C., was present.

2. With regard to the mission among the Freedmen, it should be stated as a comment upon an item in Br. Clemens' letter that we are compelled, due to our lack of means and workers, to restrict our activity to the negroes in our vicinity. By means of the regular preaching of the Word in the negro church at Salem and by means of the Sunday School held in it, as well as by means of the influence of the rural congregations, we can quietly produce an effect among the Freedmen.

3. A letter from Br. Mack, dated June 7, dealing with his salary was now read and discussed, together with the general state of affairs in the Cherokee mission. Br. Mack would like to be entirely relieved from all temporal affairs so as to be able to dedicate himself completely to the mission work, a wish which probably could not be carried out to the extent which he seems to believe possible if only because an interpreter is needed at all meetings. Our discussion led to the following results: 1. Effective June 1, 1867, Br. Mack is to receive a fixed salary of \$500 per annum. Therefore, all items which formerly appeared in the accounts concerning housekeeping, sundries, farm expenses, corn, hay and forage, blacksmithing, and personal allowance, will now be omitted. Essential household articles and furniture will be acquired for the mission and an inventory prepared, a copy of which is to be sent to the mission agents. The first cost of horses and wagon will be charged to the mission, but the farm must provide the upkeep of the horses. 2. Medicine, stationery, postage, repairs to the buildings, church expenses, and official travel will be paid for by the mission. 3. For each child who has not been sent to a boarding school an additional stipend of \$25.00 per annum will be paid. The goal to be kept in view, though it is still remote, is to have the mission support itself.

*Oct. 3.*

2. Young Br. George Winkler of Salem has expressed his great desire to dedicate himself to the Lord and to the ministry in the church and to prepare himself for this in the institution at Bethlehem. Since Br. Winkler appears to have a sincere disposition and not to lack the necessary gifts, we have forwarded his application to the Bethlehem College authorities. Since then Br. E. A. Vogler of Salem has indicated his willingness to become responsible for the \$200 per annum required for the support of George Winkler in the college, so long as his business affairs permit this. Thereby all obstacles have been removed. Br. Winkler will leave for Bethlehem in the near future.

3. An application from Saml. Fogel for permission to conduct a school for the children of Bethabara in the old Bethabara schoolroom in the parsonage, which is not being used, was not approved by a majority of the Bethabara committee, but was granted in a meeting of the heads of households within the congregation. The P.A.C. therefore, has been requested to decide this matter. Since it is very desirable to have a school in Betha-

bara and the promise has been made to return the schoolroom at the end of the school term in its present condition and Br. Rights reports that the majority of the congregation is very much in favor of the school and no undesirable consequences need be feared with regard to the buildings, the P.A.C. voted in favor of a school in said place under the above condition.

4. The idea was discussed, which has already been mentioned, of Br. and Sr. Friebele's being moved to another place before the coming winter on account of Sr. Friebele's poor health and also because a change at Mt. Bethel might be desirable for other reasons. The P.A.C. reached the following conclusion. Since it is quite uncertain whether an exchange could be arranged between Mt. Bethel and one of our rural congregations prior to next spring, an offer is to be made to Br. and Sr. Friebele for them to move, still during this fall, into the vacant parsonage at Bethabara, for it is the only one we have. Since Br. Friebele would not be able to serve the home mission congregation from Bethabara during the winter, he could for the present become responsible for the care of Hope and Bethabara and, in case of need, of Philadelphia. A proposal is to be made to Br. and Sr. Friebele along these lines.

5. Thought should be given to the ordination of Br. A. Oerter and of Br. Henry Cooper as presbyter.

*Nov. 7.*

1. Br. Friebele has expressed a desire to remain at Mt. Bethel for the present.

2. Br. Benj. Lineback appears still to have a desire to enter service, following prior preparation in the institution at Bethlehem. The P.A.C. had thought that, since the plan which had been discussed last year had not been put into effect, this young brother had completely given up the idea of a ministerial career. It is, however, prepared now to consider him as a candidate.

3. At Friedland the following brethren have been elected to membership on the committee and approved by the P.A.C., namely: Jacob Smith, Eli Weavil, Emal. Reed, and John Stewart, Amos Stewart, congregational steward—similarly at Bethania: the Brn. Thos. Lash, Elias Shaub, Solomon Transou, Joseph Transou, Thomas Cobb, and Nathl. Pfaff, and Levin Grabs—congregational steward.

4. A number of colored people in and around Bethania wish to organize themselves as a Moravian congregation. The old

negro church has newly been repaired and a flourishing Sunday School is carried on under the direction of several Bethania brethren. About 30 names have been submitted. Br. Rights will see how this should be arranged. He really does not have time of a Sunday to serve such a newly created congregation, since he must take care of various other preaching places outside of Bethabara.

5. According to the subscription lists for Bethania and Bethabara, Br. Rights will receive about \$243 for the year 1867. Since this amount is not at all adequate for his support, he applies for an additional grant of \$100 from the Wachovia S. D. This request is to be referred to the Financial Board.

*Nov. 19.*

Br. Rights has received a letter from the Pennsylvania P.A.C. in which they offer to contribute \$200 for a negro church to be built at Bethania, the *Moravian* recently having contained an appeal for contributions on its behalf. However, they desire first to learn the view of our P.A.C. This appeal was placed in the *Moravian* without our knowledge by the three brethren who signed it. We believe that the present church is quite adequate for the time being and that one should quite properly wait with the erection of a new church until it could be seen whether a negro congregation really would come into being at Bethania. Meantime we thank them sincerely for their offer and shall be happy to accept it in case a new church should actually be built. Br. Bahnsen will request the 3 brethren at Bethania in writing to wait with their preparations for the construction of a new church. Their activity on behalf of the negroes is very laudable and we hope that they will continue this, but the plan of building a new church seems to be precipitate, since the old one now is in good repair again. Apart from this it would be desirable and in order for us to put a notice in the *Moravian* to the effect that appeals and requests for financial contributions for *church purposes* in our province must have the official sanction of the P.A.C. In recent times experience has taught us that the attempt is made in the case of projects by private persons, which have not been properly discussed with the P.A.C. and sanctioned by it, when in the end the time comes for paying for them, to shift responsibility to the Sustent. D.

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*Feb. 6.*

3. Accounts were submitted covering the construction of the new church at Kernersville. Between \$1,000 and \$1,200 are still needed for meeting the costs of building. The brethren at Kernersville who have built the church, and Dr. E. Kerner in particular, submit this matter to us, probably in the hope that the Wachovia S. D. would give assistance. Since the construction of this church was undertaken by these brethren on their initiative without having consulted the P.A.C. at all and neither the draft nor an estimate of the costs was ever officially submitted to us, we are not in any way *obligated* to help. However, since we wish to support our brethren in so far as possible, this matter is to be referred to the Financial Board.

4. The time for convening the Wachovia Provincial Synod this year, in preparation for the General Synod of 1869, was set for Monday, May 11, at 10 A.M.

*March 5.*

1. A letter from the U.A.C., dated February 10, contains an invitation from the U.A.C. for us to send a fraternal delegate to the German Provincial Synod this year, of course at our own expense. Under present circumstances this is not feasible.

2. The following brethren have been elected as members of the committee at Bethabara and approved by the P.A.C.: Wm. Pratt, Calvin Houser, Philip Billiter, and Theodor Hine—Lewis Hine, steward.

4. Br. Henry Cooper, the pastor at Friedland, has for some time been suffering from a kind of mental disorder which stands in the way of his further ministry. He considers himself to be called by the Lord as an apostle charged with the conversion of the world and thinks he committed a grave sin in getting married. He does not hesitate to express these ideas everywhere and shows by his conduct that he is non compos mentis. Having considered this sad case, particularly as it affects Sr. Cooper, the P.A.C. resolved to recall Br. and Sr. Cooper from Friedland and to place them in retirement with pension here in Salem where Br. Cooper will be with his relatives and under their supervision. Though with some misgivings, the P.A.C. could think of

no other manner of filling Br. Cooper's place than that of calling Br. and Sr. Friebel to it from Mt. Bethel. Further thought must be given to the measures to be taken for Mt. Bethel.

*March 16.*

1. Br. and Sr. Henry Cooper have moved to Salem for the time being. Br. Friebel has accepted the call to Friedland. He [H. Cooper?] is recovering slowly from his serious illness. At Friedland the congregation does not seem fully in agreement with Br. Friebel's appointment.

2. As regards an appointment to the home mission station at Mt. Bethel, the Home Mission Board has nominated Br. John Knouse of Friedberg as one who might be suitable as a home missionary. However, it seemed wise to the P.A.C. to leave Br. John Knouse out of consideration. Young Br. Benj. Lineback has also applied for this appointment and has repeated his wish to enter upon the service of the Lord and the church. Br. Lineback is still much too young and inexperienced and unprepared. Probably it will be best, since we have no suitable brother for Mt. Bethel, for the Home Miss. Board to try to put someone on the farm, with monthly services and visits to be arranged for at Mt. Bethel from Wachovia during the summer and fall until we see how matters develop.

*April 2.*

3. A letter has been received from Friedland expressing the wish of a number of members that no minister should be sent there for the time being because the congregation is not in a position to support one. Since the Friedland congregation for many years has failed to supply its ministers with the necessary support, the P.A.C. did not believe it need pay any further attention to this statement and resolved to carry out its plan in connection with Br. and Sr. Friebel so soon as possible.

4. Br. Benjamin Lineback has had an interview with those members of the P.A.C. who reside at Salem. He is still very young and entirely without preparation. To provide him with an opportunity of preparing himself for his future calling and of demonstrating his disposition and gifts more fully, the P.A.C. considered it wise to suggest to Br. Lineback that they should make an effort to secure a teacher's position for him at Nazareth Hall.

5. It was resolved to invite the Pennsylvania P.A.C. to have one of their number attend our provincial synod, convened for May 11, as a fraternal delegate.

*May 7.*

2. Br. Benjamin Lineback left for Nazareth on April 29 to teach in the Hall.

4. A letter from Br. Mack, dated April 3, reports that our Cherokee members had given him \$30.00 for those who suffer need in the West Indies. Missionary activity among the Cherokees seems to be making good progress. Br. Mack's question whether people who have been baptized in their youth by Catholic priests should be rebaptized when they unite with our church was answered in the *negative*; their confirmation will suffice in such cases.

*June 4.*

2. The Wachovia Provincial Synod was held from May 11 to 14 and then adjourned to reconvene in November or December to complete the negotiations which had been begun.

3. Br. Rights will visit Mt. Bethel and arrange his trip so as to preach there on Sunday, June 21. He will also endeavor to familiarize himself with the state of affairs there and try to have an interview with Mr. Wigfall.

*July 2.*

2. Br. Rights has visited Mt. Bethel and preached there. The members seemed very happy to have him make the visit. A sudden indisposition prevented him from visiting some of them. Mr. Wigfall expressed himself as being much in favor of the home mission being maintained. He promised that if it should be found that our home mission land really is part of the landed property claimed by him, he would be ready at any time to make out a deed for it in favor of the Home Mission Society. Br. Jesse Hiatt is to have charge of the home mission building and farm. In return he may mow the meadow and keep the small amount of fruit. At the end of July Br. Parm. Lineback will visit Mt. Bethel.

3. Br. Bahnsen would like to send his son George, who soon will have reached the right age, to the institution at Bethlehem. Since the boy wants to study, the P.A.C. gave its approval for this.

*July 20.*

The accounts of the Girls' Boarding School of June 1, 1867, to May 31, 1868, were submitted by the Inspector today. They show a gratifying surplus of \$12,081.31. Because of the general scarcity of money, payments have not been as good as could be wished. No doubt there are many bad outstanding accounts among the assets. The surplus was allocated as follows:

1. For the Wachovia Sustent. Diac.	\$ 1,500.00
2. For writing off the Boarding School's subscription to the N.W.N.C. Railroad	2,000.00
3. The remainder was added to the reserve fund	8,581.31
	[ \$12,081.31 ]

To clear the balance sheet, assets which represent a complete loss, namely: the Cape Fear Bank stock and also a special deposit made in the S. S. Institute during the final year of the war, \$14,263.89, are to be charged off to the reserve fund, and should that not be sufficient, then to other reserves. Since the trustees of the Salem congregation have set the salary of the pastor at \$780, the same salary was determined upon for Br. Oerter. According to this arrangement, the school will no longer supply Br. Oerter with firewood. Br. Grunert's salary was set at \$500 with completely free board; the salary of the music teacher, Br. Edward Lineback, at \$700.

*Aug. 6.*

1. A letter from Mt. Bethel contains a request for a minister; Br. Rights's name is mentioned. At present we have no one we could send to Mt. Bethel, even if the congregation at that place could support him. We will, however, continue to do all in our power there by means of monthly visits and preaching services. Br. Parmenio Lineback was prevented from visiting there in July due to the rains. God willing, he is to preach there on the 5th Sunday in August.

2. In New Philadelphia the Brn. Fredr. Burkhardt and John and Allen Crater were elected members of the committee; Br. Thomas Spach, steward; and Br. John Butner, head Saaldiener. They were approved by the P.A.C. So also in Hope the Brn. Wesley Boner, C. D. Sides, and James Sides as members of the committee.

*Sept. 3.*

4. Recently Br. Henry Cooper expressed his desire in an interview to be given another appointment. This brother's situation is very deplorable. He considers it to be his duty to preach, and yet his condition is such that there can be no thought of his reappointment. His mind seems to be more affected and melancholic than before.

*Nov. 5.*

5. The contributions for 1868 in the rural congregations in support of their ministers are as follows:

Bethania	\$228.00	Friedland	\$39.80	Friedberg and
Bethabara	52.00	Hope	15.50	Macedonia will
	<u>\$280.00</u>	Kernersville	<u>16.50</u>	raise the established
			<u>\$71.80</u>	amount of \$450.

The contribution of New Philadelphia for the Sustentation Diac. amounts to \$31.90, with the prospect of some additional gifts. This whole matter should be reported to the provincial synod.

6. Br. Henry Cooper's mental condition is constantly worsening. It appears that he cannot enter the insane asylum in Raleigh; to place him in an out-of-town hospital would involve heavy outlays.

*Dec. 17.*

1. We are unable to consider Mr. Gentry's offer to sell us his house and lot at Kernersville for a parsonage.

3. The government of the United States has voted \$3,279.69 in damages for the losses caused during the war by the United States troops at the Cherokee mission.

4. Br. Friebele came to have an interview with the P.A.C. regarding the charges made in the provincial synod regarding his fitness and his manner of filling his office. The report of the committee in which these occurred having been communicated to him, the P.A.C. discussed the situation at Friedland at length with Br. Friebele. According to Br. Friebele one committee member (Jacob Smith) is particularly responsible for the troubles. This man would be happiest to return to the Methodists, to whom he formerly belonged, and take with him as many members of the Friedland congregation as at all possible. The P.A.C. encouraged Br. Friebele to bear his burden patiently and to stand fast at his post, since no thought can be given at present to a change being made.

5. The congregation at Friedberg would like to exchange about 4 acres of meadowland for 3 acres of woodland.

6. In the provincial synod, which has just ended, the Brn. Rights and Bahnsen were elected delegates to next year's general synod.

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[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 25.*

3. The P.A.C. today discussed ways and means of having the congregations served during the general synod. The main problem is that of caring for Br. Rights's congregations of Bethania and Bethabara. The Pennsylvania P.A.C. has proposed to us the Married Br. Eugene Greider, who at present is residing at Litiz without having a charge and who probably could be secured to help out. Br. Rights appeared to prefer to have as his substitute Br. Benjamin Lineback, teacher at Nazareth Hall, who has also offered for this. Br. Lineback seems willing to serve as Br. Rights's substitute without being ordained and *without* any promise of being employed thereafter on a permanent basis. It would be much less difficult to appoint Br. Lineback than a married brother because the difficulties of finding living quarters for the latter and the considerable costs of a journey with his family from Pennsylvania and also his maintenance here present real problems. On the other hand, Br. Lineback's youth and lack of experience should be considered. Nevertheless, the P.A.C. was willing to make a trial with Br. Lineback since Br. Rights prefers this arrangement and his congregation also will not object. Br. A. L. Oerter, the assistant pastor at Salem, will become responsible for the care of the Salem congregation and have to give up his office as assistant Inspector during this period. This is quite practicable since the summer vacation of the Boarding School would, at any rate, free him from all school responsibility for 2 months. Br. Parmenio Lineback can suitably take charge of Hope. Br. Friebele can serve the congregation at New Philadelphia instead of that at Hope, arranging to preach alternately at Friedland and New Philadelphia and once a month at Kernersville.

4. For the present full pension is to continue to be paid for Br. and Sr. Henry Cooper, even though Br. Cooper has entered the institution at Raleigh.

*Feb. 12.*

4. Br. Benjamin Lineback writes that he is *unwilling* to accept the proposed appointment as substitute for Br. Rights without a promise by our P.A.C. of his being given a permanent post after synod, since otherwise he would lose his present position as teacher without any certain prospect for the future. Br. Rights offered to write to Br. Lineback again, since he still would prefer Br. Lineback to Br. Greider as his substitute. P.A.C. was willing to have him do this, though it neither would nor could give any promise in advance of future permanent appointment. Br. Lineback can be assured that there is a *possibility* of future employment, especially if he should give a good account of himself in his service as substitute, but that we could not commit ourselves in advance.

5. Since Br. Oerter is temporarily to be the pastor of the Salem congregation, this would be a fitting time for him to be ordained as a presbyter.

6. Br. Mack's desire to acquire a one-horse buggy seemed quite reasonable, in view of the fact that riding is getting difficult for him and he must often transport items for 20 miles on horseback or use a two-horse wagon.

*March 4.*

2. Br. Rights did *not* write again to Br. Lineback, but to his own son Theodore, a teacher at Nazareth Hall. This brother too is not led to accept. Having discussed the matter again, the P.A.C. resolved, as suggested by Br. Rights, to propose to Br. M. E. Grunert that he assume responsibility for Bethania and Bethabara during Br. Rights's absence and conduct services there on an average of twice a month. This proposal seemed the best of all, and Br. Grunert, when asked, indicated his willingness to accept it.

*April 1.*

3. Full pension for a married couple is to be paid Sr. Henry Cooper, at least until the end of August. She has returned to her parents in Iowa.

4. Should the treasurer of the Sustent. Diac. run short of money during the summer, he will have to turn to the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School for help.

5. The treasurer or steward of the Friedberg congregation reports that payments in support of the minister for 1868, including those from Macedonia, amount only to \$377.37 and thus fall \$72.63 short of the established \$450.

The congregation at Bethania has subscribed \$214 for 1869 in support of its minister, and Bethabara \$50.00, a total of \$264; thus there is lacking \$186 of the \$450. Both these items are to be reported to the Financial Board.

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No meeting of the P.A.C. has been held since this April 1 due to the absence of all of its members at Herrnhut attending the general synod. Br. G. F. Bahnson, formerly the president of our P.A.C., returned home at the beginning of August, accompanied by Br. C. L. Rights. He was very ill and was called home by the Lord on September 11. Br. Emil A. de Schweinitz having returned to Salem on September 30, the Brn. Rights and Schweinitz met on October 7 as the surviving members of the P.A.C.

*Oct. 7.*

3. To bring our P.A.C. to full strength, a provincial synod will have to be convened as soon as possible in accordance with the constitution, and Monday, November 8, was decided upon for this.

4. The Cherokee mission was the subject of our discussion. Br. Mack has been asked himself to bring his children to be placed in the boarding schools and thus provide the P.A.C. with an opportunity of discussing with him at length the affairs of the Cherokee mission. Br. Wesley Spach's position as teacher in the mission school meets with our approval, though we cannot regard this brother as being in the employ of the mission since we had nothing to do with his coming to Springplace.

5. Br. Grunert, the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School, then submitted the accounts of the Boarding School for June 1, 1868, to May 31, 1869. They show a surplus of \$5,453.63. Of this amount \$1,500 was allocated to the Wachovia Sustent. Diac. and \$3,953.63 added to the reserve fund. Upon the request of the Boarding School teachers for an increase in their salary and to bring it more in line with that paid in Bethlehem, their salary was set at \$12.00 for a four-week period rather than \$10.00. Sr. Lydia Stauber, who has served as a teacher in the Boarding School for over 45 years and has now retired, will receive a pension of \$50.00 a year if she wants it. In addition she receives her board and room rent from the Boarding School. Br. Grunert further expressed himself regarding his present status as a widower.

6. Br. Oerter will continue to fill the pastorate in Salem for the present, and the arrangement made for Hope and Philadelphia during the synod will also continue until further notice.

*Nov. 10.*

The provincial synod, which adjourned at noon today, elected Br. Sam. Thomas Pfahl as a member of the P.A.C. The P.A.C., which now is at full strength again, met this afternoon and organized by passing on the chairmanship to Br. Emil A. de Schweinitz.

1. We took up a letter from Br. E. J. Mack in which he reports that for reasons of health he would not himself accompany his children and asks to be relieved from all the temporal affairs of the mission so as to be able to remain active strictly as a missionary only. He suggests our committing all temporal affairs of the mission to Br. Wesley Spaugh. The P.A.C. could not consider Br. Mack's proposal, since Br. Spaugh is not even regarded by us as being in mission service. Br. Mack will have to go into his request more fully and more plainly. We much regretted that he would not accompany his children, with the result that we would have no opportunity for consulting about the mission by word of mouth.

2. The filling of the pastorate at Salem was now discussed at length. Br. Francis R. Holland, who formerly held this post, would seem to be the first choice of the congregation, and since we also consider him to be very suitable, we resolved to send him at once through the Pennsylvania P.A.C. the call to become the pastor of the Salem congregation. It is, however, scarcely to be anticipated that said brother could accept it in view of his present situation, even should the Pennsylvania P.A.C. raise no objection to his doing so.

*Dec. 2.*

1. Br. E. A. de Schweinitz' first letter to the Pennsylvania P.A.C. has miscarried. To his 2nd a reply has now been received, arriving on November 28, 1869, to the effect that, under the circumstances, the Pennsylvania P.A.C. could not forward the call to Br. Holland because, as Inspector at Hope, he would be practically irreplaceable at present. As founder of the new institution at Hope, his being called away would endanger its continued existence, especially because of financial considerations. The reasons advanced were to have been foreseen and carry weight. Therefore, we were ready to refrain from consideration of Br. Holland in the hope that nothing similar could be advanced against our 2nd proposal, that of Br. Am. A. Reinke at New York. We also request the Pennsylvania P.A.C. to suggest other *suitable* brethren to us in case there should be difficulties regarding Br. Reinke.

2. Br. Oerter's request to be relieved of his classes at the Girls' Boarding School, should he have to continue to fill the pastorate at Salem after New Year, deserves to be considered. It is to be hoped that before then we shall have decided the filling of the pastorate.

3. Due to her failing health, Sr. Lucinda Bagge wishes to resign from her office as Arbeiterinn for the Single Sisters, to which the P.A.C. could raise no objection.

*Dec. 3.*

1. Today the P.A.C. had a lengthy interview with Br. E. J. Mack's son, Ephraim Mack, who has brought his sister Mary to enter the local Boarding School. He informed us about conditions in the Cherokee mission. The Baptists cause much disturbance and appear to be hostile. There is no opening at Parkhill for a Moravian teacher. Br. E. J. Mack often suffers much.

*Dec. 21.*

1. The Board of Elders of the Salem congregation has been notified that we do not consider it desirable to appoint an Arbeiterinn for the sisters. However, the board should take steps to appoint a superintendent in the Sisters' House.

2. The following was decided regarding the affairs of the Cherokee mission. Because since the introduction of a fixed salary the farm has no longer been worked for the benefit of the mission, Br. Mack may act according to his best judgment regarding its management. An actual Vorsteher is no longer needed, though a brother must be responsible for all monies. There can, therefore, be no thought of transferring responsibility for the temporal matters to Br. Wesley Spaugh. Br. Wesley Spaugh could be appointed as a missionary, if such an appointment would be desirable for carrying on the missionary work proper. Before our making such an appointment, we desire to have a statement regarding his views and wishes and must then be convinced of his being suitable for mission work proper. In reply to Br. Mack's request for authorization to purchase horses at mission expense, since the 2 which had belonged to the mission died one after the other, we resolved to permit the purchase of *one* horse at mission expense, since one is needed for mission service proper. Br. Mack must himself provide for the upkeep of the horse and take good care of it. We wish to have more exact information about the plan for a school at Parkhill and the appointment of a Moravian teacher.

4. A letter from the Pennsylvania P.A.C., dated December 7, reports that it could not agree to forward a call to the pastorate of the Salem congregation to Br. A. A. Reinke of New York either, since said brother is in the process of attempting to build up his congregation again following the purchase of a new church. Further discussion of this matter was postponed to January 4, 1870.

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[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 4.*

1. Regarding the vacancy in the pastorate at Salem, the P.A.C. finally resolved, following lengthy discussions, to offer the post of permanent pastor of the Salem congregation to Br. A. L. Oerter. He is a good preacher, and it is to be hoped that he will try to overcome his somewhat shy disposition.

2. Br. Isaac Prince, a widower who has no family, is offered to us by the Pennsylvania P.A.C. for employment in Wachovia. Without doubt he would fit in quite well as the minister at Kernersville. If the members there would be willing to assure him of living quarters and board for a number of months and also the occasional use of a horse, we would be inclined to make a trial with him.

*Jan. 19.*

1. Br. A. L. Oerter, in his written reply to the call which he received, indicates that should the P.A.C. consider it desirable to do so, he would be quite content for us to withdraw the call he received. If not, he asks for the decision of the Lord by means of the lot for his personal guidance. Consequently, we submitted the question to the lot and received the affirmative \* [reply]: "The Lord approves Br. A. L. Oerter's accepting the call to the pastorate of the Salem congregation."

2. Since the members of Kernersville are willing to provide Br. Prince with free living quarters and board for several months and also very much want him to take over the management of the Kernersville school, we resolved to make a trial there with Br. Prince.

3. A letter from the U.A.C., dated December 20 and received on January 7, 1870, expresses its disapproval of the action of our provincial synod in delaying merger with the northern district.

4. The Friedberg minister received \$367.75 from his congregations for the year 1869; thus \$82.25 are needed to make up the \$450. However, he has also received grain valued at \$51.00 from the farm which the congregation cultivated for him. In the opinion of the P.A.C. these \$51.00 should be deducted from the \$82.25. This matter should be referred to the Financial Board.

*Feb. 3.*

1. Br. John A. Friebele has resigned from his office as pastor of the congregation at Friedland with the intention of emigrating to Texas with his family and establishing a new home for himself there and also, if there is opportunity, of working for the Lord by proclaiming His word. The reasons for this are that in Br. Friebele's opinion his effectiveness in our district is impeded by prejudices that have long been harbored against him and that a transfer to the North would not be permissible because of his wife's health, which makes a warmer climate necessary. Br. Friebele has for a long time been thinking of resigning and has now decided to go to Texas so soon as possible. The P.A.C. could raise no further objections, but regrets Br. Friebele's decision. We resolved to recommend to the Financial Board that it should give Br. Friebele a proper subsidy when he leaves, since by his voluntary withdrawal from service he has renounced all claim for pension and children's educational grants. Br. Prince will have to take over the care of Friedland.

2. Br. Fr. S. Hark has written to us asking whether there is anything standing in the way of an appointment for him in our district, particularly in connection with the reasons which prevent his appointment in the North. Since we have no suitable position for Br. Hark at this time, the P.A.C. did not consider it necessary to refer to the reasons which stand in the way of Br. Hark's appointment in the North.

3. The P.A.C. considered it advisable to refer a final decision regarding Br. Wesley Spaugh's appointment as a missionary among the Cherokees to the U.M.D. For our part we really could not recommend Br. W. Spaugh as qualified and suitable, though he certainly has a desire to serve the Lord and his conduct is irreproachable.

*March 8.*

1. Since the Salem Home Mission Society has expressed the wish to maintain its station at Mt. Bethel, Virginia, and its willingness to continue to be responsible for the support of a home missionary, we resolved to turn to the Pennsylvania P.A.C. for a qualified brother. Br. Benjamin Lineback, teacher at Nazareth Hall, was suggested as a suitable nominee.

2. A letter from the U.A.C., dated January 31 and received on February 18, communicates the wish of the U.A.C. that our P.A.C. should take steps to convene a provincial synod during the course of this year to bring about the merger of the two districts. To accomplish this our provincial synod would have to convene *prior* to May 25, the date of the convening of the provincial synod of the North. The time is too short for that. An effort to bring this about would without fail here appear to be a coercive measure and would unquestionably defeat its purpose, and even perhaps destroy the whole plan of merger *completely*. Therefore, the P.A.C. could not bring itself to convene a provincial synod prior to May 25. We would be quite ready to hold a provincial synod during the course of the year, following the 6 month notice required by a resolution of the provincial synod of 1869, if we could perceive the appropriateness of such a measure.

*March 23.*

1. Jesse Hiatt has written to Br. Rights regarding the home mission land at Mt. Bethel, Virginia. Since during the course of this year, God willing, a home missionary is to come to live there, Hiatt may cultivate the land till then.

2. The main subject of our deliberations today was the state of the colored congregation in Salem. We took up a written request from the Board of Elders of the Salem congregation in which the P.A.C. was asked to separate the colored congregation from the white congregation in Salem and completely to terminate the supervision of the former by the Board of Elders—in effect since 1859—because the Salem pastor is unable to serve the colored congregation in addition to his other official duties. The P.A.C. is of the opinion that the current arrangement, made in the slave days, in no way fulfills its purpose any longer and that the proposed separation is in principle appropriate and timely. However, there are serious difficulties in the way of every attempt to provide a new arrangement. In any new arrangement more emphasis must be laid upon the completely altered status

of the colored people; otherwise, the colored congregation, which even now is small in number—hardly more than 15 communicants—will disappear completely. We have no minister who could appropriately be made responsible for caring for the negro congregation. The only expedient is to commit the administration of the congregation to 3 colored elders, who would have charge of the periods of worship and of the general management of the congregation under the supervision of the P.A.C. So far as possible the preaching services would have to be conducted by ordained ministers; so would the administration of the sacraments. The 3 elders are to select one of their number as their chairman. The Brn. Alexander Vogler, Lewis Hege, and Benjamin Zevely had formerly been elders. After learning their sentiments, we shall inform them of this plan and have them consider it.

*April 7.*

1. The new arrangement regarding the colored congregation (see paragraph 2 of the preceding minutes) has been carried out in the course of several sessions with the 3 brethren named above. The 3 brethren have accepted office as elders and Br. Alexander Vogler has been appointed chairman of the colored Board of Elders. On Sunday evening, April 3, Br. E. A. de S. officially installed the elders with the necessary explanation regarding the new arrangement. Monthly meetings of the colored elders with the P.A.C. have also been decided upon. May the Lord grant His blessing to this whole arrangement.

2. The subscription lists of Hope and Friedland have been received. So long as the present arrangement continues, Br. Prince is to receive \$200 per annum in addition to his board and living quarters.

3. The P.A.C. now took up the filling of the vacancy at Mt. Bethel, Virginia. Br. Benj. Lineback, teacher at Nazareth Hall, of whom the Pennsylvania P.A.C. speaks favorably, seemed to be a brother who would suit this post. It was resolved to issue the call to this brother and at the same time request the Pennsylvania P.A.C. to see to it that he would be ordained a deacon of the Moravian church before leaving Pennsylvania. He will remain at the Hall until the end of the school year.

4. We took up a letter from the U.A.C. received on April 1. We are unable to give Br. Wesley Spaugh a formal recommendation as to his qualifications for mission service, since we are not well enough acquainted with him. But since the Un. M. Dep.

has ruled that any 2nd missionary who might be appointed would have to assume charge of the school at Parkhill, we no doubt shall have to give up any consideration of Br. Spaugh, since he is not qualified for this. We propose that Br. Theodor Rights, teacher in Nazareth Hall, a brother who has had advanced education and is spoken of very highly by the Pennsylvania P.A.C., become the teacher at Parkhill and 2nd missionary. We think he should go to the mission field as a married man. Should Br. Spaugh not be appointed, he ought to leave the mission, for his is a most unusual position and one which is very burdensome financially.

5. Sr. Adelaide Herman, who has accepted a call to become the teacher of a class which is to be newly created at Montmirail for training teachers, has directed a letter to the P.A.C. proposing to have 2 or 3 girls, aged 15 or 16, sent to Montmirail this fall, financed by our Female Academy, for the purpose of training to become teachers in our Boarding School. She has already secured admission for them in advance at Montmirail. The proposal per se is attractive in many ways, and if it can be carried it would be quite worth the expense involved. Br. Grunert, the Inspector of the S.F.A., was present for our discussion of this item. Further discussion had to be postponed to our next meeting.

6. Sr. Lydia Stauber's pension as a retired teacher was set at \$50.00 per annum on October 7, 1869. She would receive in addition free rent, board, and heat, and thus a much more generous pension than retired widows of ministers.

### *May 13.*

1. Dr. E. Kerner has notified us that the arrangement which was reached of having Br. Prince live in his home could not continue indefinitely, since in his present straitened circumstances he could not afford alone to be entirely responsible for Br. Prince's board, and the \$6.00 per month which the congregation had promised was not being paid. It was difficult to say what new arrangement could be made. Br. Prince could live in Salem and serve his congregation from here. First we should find out whether Dr. Kerner would be willing to continue to board Br. Prince if he would really be assured of \$9.00 per month.

2. Trusting in the Lord's help, Br. Benjamin Lineback has accepted his call as home missionary at Mt. Bethel, Virginia.

3. We took up a letter from the U.A.C., dated April 19 and received on May 9. The U.A.C. understands the reasons which do not make it feasible for us to convene our provincial synod in the near future and only hopes that this may not lead to any unfavorable consequences. Regarding the Cherokee mission, the calling of a missionary and teacher to Parkhill is, in our view, really a new project. Br. Mack will be given little help thereby. The lack of a teacher for the mission school at New Springplace will be felt keenly. We cannot assert with certainty that it would be entirely wise to appoint a 3rd married brother for the mission, but we believe that this is Br. Mack's desire.

4. Br. Mack, in his letter dated April 13, solicits reimbursement for a horse which was stolen. It was his personal property and had cost \$100; he had acquired it after having lost the 2 mission horses because without it he could not have carried on his missionary activity. After his horse was stolen he had availed himself of the permission granted him earlier and had acquired a horse at the expense of the mission. The P.A.C. thought it proper to have the mission reimburse Br. Mack for half of his loss, or \$50.00.

5. For the support of its pastor in 1870, Bethania has subscribed \$193.75 and Bethabara \$27.00, a total of \$220.75.

6. With regard to our sending several girls to Montmirail for their training as teachers in S.F.A., we agreed after consultation with Br. Grunert to push the project after we shall have secured some further information from Sr. A. M. Herman. Four years were specified as the period of service as teachers to which those who would be sent would have to pledge themselves. Chaperoning them during their journey by land and sea will present considerable difficulties in executing the plan.

#### *May 20.*

2. On May 18 a certain Alfred Lind, a colored person from Barbadoes, West Indies, arrived here. He has brought with him very favorable testimonials from Br. Edghill [sic] and several Anglican clergymen, and also recommendations from Bethlehem, where he visited. He was educated in the Training School at Fairfield, Jamaica, and since then has been active as a teacher in our mission schools and those of the Anglican church. He is 30 years old; he is married, his family still being in Barbadoes. His aim in coming is to be active among the colored people as a teacher and missionary and at the same time to improve his fi-

nancial situation. He would be just the man for our colored congregation, provided he proves to be capable. We are prepared to give him an appointment in future if he proves his worth. For the time being, he should with Br. E. A. Vogler's help apply for the teaching position in the colored school. In that way we would gain time for us to know him, and he the people and the situation. At first his support would be assured by the school; in time we hope to supplement the support he needs from other sources also.

*June 8.*

1. A letter from the U.A.C., dated May 9, was received on the 27th. In it Br. Clemens commissions Br. E. A. Schweinitz in the name of the U.A.C. to extend a call to Br. Theodor Manasseh Rights, teacher at Nazareth Hall, to enter service among the Cherokees, taking over the post at Parkhill specifically. The U.A.C. desires Br. Rights not merely to serve as a teacher but as full missionary. So Br. Rights's ordination and marriage will also be tied in with his call. Br. Rights has accepted the call extended to him. The P.A.C. considered it best to have him travel to the Cherokee country by way of Salem, so that we might have an opportunity to discuss matters with him. Since fixed salaries have been introduced in the Cherokee mission, Br. Rights will receive a fixed salary, from which, of course, all his school receipts will be deducted. For the present his salary was set at \$450.

2. Br. Prince would like to make a trial of living at Friedland, since the Kernersville arrangement cannot go on much longer. In this new arrangement he himself will be responsible for his board, etc. The P.A.C. raised no objection to Br. Prince's plan. Should he carry it out, his salary would have to be set at \$350.

3. The following brethren were elected to office in the congregation at Friedberg on May 12 and approved by the P.A.C., namely: Edward Foltz, communion steward; Enoch Heier, love-feast steward; Jesse Mack, Christian Spach, Benj. Spach, Harrison Crouse, Eli Sides, Jonathan Fishell, and Timothy Fishell as committee members.

*July 7.*

1. The Single Sr. Hannah Weaver Riegel of Nazareth is the bride of Br. T. M. Rights.

3. Br. Rights (C. L.) needs a new horse, since his present one has become unserviceable due to its age.

4. The Montmirail plan (see paragraph 6 of the minutes of May 13, etc.) was considered again in detail in the presence of Br. Grunert and confirmed. There is prospect of our being able to send the girls to Montmirail this fall, reliably escorted. If the outlays should be reimbursed, then of course all obligation on the part of the girls to serve the local Boarding School as teachers would cease. The 3 girls who are the most fitting candidates, and indeed the only ones, are Elizabeth Bahnsen, Eleanor E. de Schweinitz, and Louisa Grunert.

*July 20.* Br. Rights being absent.

Today Br. Grunert, the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School, submitted the annual account of June 1, 1869, to May 31, 1870. It shows a surplus of \$10,666.46, which was allocated as follows:

1. To the Wachovia Sustent. Diac.	\$ 2,000.00
2. For the enlargement of the Salem church	1,000.00
3. Montmirail Education Fund	1,500.00
4. Furniture	1,000.00
5. To write off Louisa Friebele's account	53.22
6. Building Reserve	5,113.24
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The balance sheet still contains worthless assets which must gradually be written off.

*Aug. 4.*

1. A letter from the U.A.C., dated June 29 and received on July 18, contains the reasons why the U.M.D. disapproves an appointment for Br. Wesley Spach. His appointment at New-springplace does not seem absolutely essential, and the U.M.D. thinks that a Cherokee brother should be employed as teacher at the mission school, if such can be found. This possibility seems very doubtful since everything in the mission has been brought to a standstill by the war. Br. Wesley Spaugh appears to be a loyal brother whose ardent desire is to enter the service and whose qualifications, though not extraordinary, still are such as to render him useful, since he has enough education to be useful there. In view of our not having received any letters from Br. Mack since he was informed of Br. T. M. Rights's call, we postponed all decisions in this matter until we should hear from him.

*Aug. 11.*

Br. and Sr. Rights arrived here some days ago. Br. T. M. Rights was present today. Two letters had been received from Br. Mack, dated July 21 and 23, in which he strongly urges the appointment of a teacher for the mission school at Newspringplace. He considers this to be an absolute necessity if the mission is to prosper, and desires at least the appointment of a sister should no brother be appointed. For Br. and Sr. Rights to reside at Parkhill would involve difficulties in the beginning. Br. and Sr. Rights would have to move to Newspringplace at first until further arrangements can be made. Having again given mature consideration to this, the P.A.C. resolved, since the appointment of a Cherokee teacher is not feasible in view of the lack of suitable personnel, to deviate from the U.A.C.'s resolution relative to Br. Wesley Spaugh to the extent of issuing a call to him to serve as teacher and assistant missionary at Newspringplace, subject to the condition of his not getting married for the time being. The P.A.C. was persuaded to take this action due to the circumstances and to Br. Mack's urgent representations. We consider this to be the best course, since Br. Spaugh is still at the mission. Br. Mack must endeavor, prior to the arrival of Br. and Sr. Rights, to obtain living quarters for them at Parkhill. Br. and Sr. Rights will leave from here at the beginning of September, God willing.

*Oct. 6.*

2. Br. and Sr. Theod. Rights have reached Newspringplace safely. We have received letters from Br. Mack, together with the diary. Br. Mack would like to appoint the interpreter, Philip Israel, as a national assistant. Even now, it seems, he frequently delivers addresses. There is no Cherokee brother suitable to be the teacher in the mission school; a Cherokee named Wolfe, who does not belong to any denomination, could perhaps be secured at a salary of \$200 per annum. In his letter of August 23 Br. Wesley Spaugh accepts conditionally the call extended to him: provided he would be compensated for his services rendered to the mission as a teacher so that he would be able to pay his debts for board and clothing. Otherwise, he would be obliged to seek employment at some other place so as to earn money to pay off his debts. It seemed proper to the P.A.C. to grant him a year's compensation, from September 1, 1869, to August 31, 1870. His future salary was set at \$250 per annum. He also is to share in the yield of the farm, if he takes part in cultivating

it. A mission conference is to be organized with Br. Mack as chairman. Br. Rights will report directly to us regarding his school and activity and also keep a separate account of all monies which pass through his hands. It does not appear necessary to acquire a horse for Br. Spaugh's use.

3. Alfred Lind had left here for Kentucky, from where he has received very favorable offers.

*Nov. 1.*

1. Br. Mack has insisted on the P.A.C.'s presenting a petition to the Cherokee Council to obtain the Council's formal permission for removing the Canaan station to Parkhill. Such a petition, drawn up in the name of the P.A.C., was sent to the Council, which is to convene on the 1st Monday in November.

2. A letter from the U.A.C., dated October 12 and received on November 1, informs us that the U.A.C. agrees with Br. Wesley Spaugh's receiving a call and also with his being compensated for the services which he has rendered as a teacher. Br. Theodore Rights's salary ought probably to be set at \$500, since he does not have the use of any land.

*Dec. 22.*

1. [We had for our consideration] a letter from Br. Mack, dated November 5 and received on November 23, dealing in the main with the appointment of a national assistant, and also one from Br. Spaugh in which he requests \$175 in compensation for his services as teacher. Of this amount \$100 are for board and \$75.00 in compensation for a horse and saddle, his personal property, which he had been obliged to sell to procure clothing. This compensation was granted Br. Spaugh; furthermore, Br. Mack is to reach an understanding with Br. Spaugh regarding the produce from the farm and not claim all the benefits for himself. It is also the definite opinion of the P.A.C. that Br. Mack should in future himself attend to his official correspondence. Br. T. M. Rights reports in a letter, dated November 15, regarding the state of affairs which he found at Parkhill. In his view there is small prospect for the school to prosper, since few children attend it. He had opened school on October 24. No doubt Br. Rights has not been at his post long enough to form an entirely accurate opinion. He should be encouraged to await the course of events, trusting in the Lord. Br. Mack's former representations about the desirability of establishing a school at Parkhill certainly are not at all in harmony with Br. Rights's report.

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[Extracts translated.]

*Jan. 3.*

1. A letter from Br. Rights, dated December 21, 1870, repeats [the opinions] he formerly expressed regarding the school at Parkhill. The Cherokee Council adjourned without replying to our petition. So this matter must rest until the next time the Council convenes. Br. Rights is to be urged to be patient and to persevere. In other respects he seems to be content with his situation. The severe winter and the political ferment among the Cherokees without doubt contribute to rendering the beginning at Parkhill more difficult. A letter from Br. Wesley Spaugh deals with his compensation. We cannot consider a compensation for services prior to September 1, 1869, since we had not been aware of his being active prior to that time.

2. Br. Benjamin Lineback seems to be blessed in his activity at Mt. Bethel, Virginia.

3. We took up a communication from the Board of Elders of the Salem congregation dealing with the appointment of a Single Sisters' Arbeiterin. The Single Sr. Paulina Vogler is suggested by the board as a suitable sister. The P.A.C. is not at all averse to the appointment of a Single Sisters' Arbeiterin, provided her salary can be raised, and would be glad to make the offer to Sr. Paulina Vogler. It was decided to wait until the impending meeting of the elders and trustees before doing anything more.

*Jan. 23.*

1. The Salem congregational authorities forgo consideration of the appointment of a Single Sisters' Arbeiterin, since it seems no salary can be raised. The appointment of a sister who would take care of Single Sisters continues to be left to the discretion of the Board of Elders.

2. A tentative inquiry from the Pennsylvania P.A.C. as to whether, should the necessity arise, we would approve Br. Grunert's receiving a call to become the pastor of Nazareth was answered in the affirmative with the specific condition that he should be replaced.

4. The idea of appointing a married brother as minister of the colored congregation, who could at the same time take charge of the local Boys' School, was tabled for later consideration.

*Feb. 2 and 3.*

1. Br. Wesley Spaugh arrived several days ago quite unexpectedly, and without having permission to do so, on a visit to his father at this place. As excuse for his conduct he states that he could best get away just at this time. The P.A.C. had a long interview with him regarding the Cherokee mission. Br. Spaugh believes that on the whole the prospects are quite favorable and that in time the project at Parkhill should prosper. The political ferment in the nation and its confessional differences are very evident and hinder our missionary activity. Our Moravian church, however, is recognized by the majority of the Cherokees as endeavoring to promote the true welfare of the Cherokees. Br. Spaugh also expressed the desire, since he is here at any rate, to be permitted to be married. In a session of the conference held on February 3, this permission was granted, since he is here at any rate and is hindered in his activity by being a *single* missionary.

3. The Financial Board must decide regarding the purchase of a building lot at Kernersville opposite our church.

*Feb. 25.*

The P.A.C. had another long interview with Br. Wesley Spaugh, who is about to return to the mission. He has no prospect of being married here, but will endeavor to find a suitable sister in the northern congregations. It was the P.A.C.'s opinion that he ought to have part of the land for his use. It would be best to divide the land between Br. Mack and Br. Spaugh. In case it should prove to be absolutely necessary, Br. Spaugh also was given permission to buy a horse at mission expense.

*March 3.*

1. We took up a letter from Br. Shields, teacher at Nazareth Hall, dealing with his desire and that of Br. Saml. Blum to enter the service of the church and seeking our advice regarding a plan of theirs to go to Germany in preparation for this. The P.A.C. was pleased by their intention, but advised against the German visit, if for no other reason than their unfamiliarity with the language.

2. Br. Prince's horse is very old and is getting to be unserviceable. Should he have an opportunity to exchange it for a younger one, the Sustent. Diac. will assist him in doing so.

*March 30.*

2. In a letter from Br. Mack, which arrived after Br. Spaugh's departure, there are a number of charges made against Br. Spaugh—quite contrary to Br. Mack's former reports—regarding his rough manner and dealing with the schoolchildren and his associations with the members. Br. Israel, the interpreter, confirms Br. Mack's statements. The Indian members appear to be very much dissatisfied with Br. Spaugh's mode of procedure. Letters from Br. Spaugh report his safe arrival at the mission, without a wife. He plans to occupy the vacant schoolteacher's dwelling and to keep house for himself. Br. Spaugh will have to be earnestly admonished to review his past mode of procedure and correct it with the help of the Lord where he has been at fault. He must try to win the confidence of the Indians; otherwise, his activity will be greatly hampered. All of the changes in the teacher's house appear to be unnecessary. Br. Spaugh may not leave the mission again without securing our permission in advance, and he must exercise the greatest caution in carrying on his efforts to get married.

3. The subscription lists for the support of the ministers for 1871 amount to \$205 for Bethania, \$30.80 for Bethabara, a total of \$235.80.

4. There is little prospect for a brother from the North to become pastor of the negro congregation and teacher in the Boys' School in Salem. All of the vacancies there have not yet been filled.

*April 17.*

1. The affairs of the Cherokee mission again were the main subject of our discussions. A letter from Br. Mack reports that soon after Br. W. Spaugh's having resumed charge of the school at Newspringplace, an open rupture had developed between him and the parents of his pupils due to his rough treatment of the children. They now state that in future they do not want to have anything to do with Br. Spaugh, either as teacher or as preacher. Br. Spaugh reports much the same in his letters, though he denies in part the accusations of his bad treatment of the children, and indicates plainly that he considers Br. Mack guilty of having used his influence against him. For the present, the school has been given up and Br. Spaugh has gone to Parkhill, where, according to the latest news, he suddenly bought a horse at mission expense (or, as later proved to be the case, acquired it for a private school), though on the preceding day he had re-

ported his leaving the mission. We resolved to wait until our next meeting on May 4 to see whether we should have any further account of these unhappy affairs by then. If there is no change in the situation, Br. W. Spaugh will have to be recalled from the mission, since his whole usefulness there seems to be gone. Br. Theodor Rights has written to his father about his precarious situation at Parkhill in regard to his living quarters. The building in which he lives belongs to the [Cherokee] nation, and a negro, who also occupies a part of it, is assuming the privileges of the householder, as having been empowered to do so by the principal chief. Time must indicate:

1. whether the Cherokee council permits the transfer of the station;
  2. whether it will be profitable to maintain the school at Parkhill; and
  3. whether a permanent settlement at Parkhill is at all advisable.
2. Br. H. Brickenstein has sent us a letter from some former members of the church who now live in Arkansas, in which they request to be visited and served with the Word by the missionaries among the Cherokees.
  3. We took up a letter from Br. Sylv. Wolle, written in the name of the Pennsylvania P.A.C., regarding an increased annual contribution from our Sustent. Diac. in support of the college and theological seminary in Bethlehem. Our present contribution of \$230 a year is too low in comparison to the number of our communicants and the needs of the institution. This does not seem to be the proper time to agree upon an increased annual contribution, but we should propose to the Financial Board, in view of the acknowledged equity of an increase in our contribution, to contribute \$1,000 for the year ending April 30, 1871, instead of \$230.

#### *May 4.*

1. *The Cherokee Mission:* A communication has been received, dated April 1 and signed by a number of Cherokees. In it they state, as Br. Mack had reported before, that due to the rough and barbaric (*sic*) treatment of which Br. Wesley Spaugh has been guilty and his insulting manner in his addresses, they could have no more to do with him, either as teacher or missionary. A letter, dated April 17, has also been received from Br. Spaugh, in which he repeats what earlier letters stated, particularly with regard to Br. Mack's hostile attitude toward him. He reports

further that an attempt to continue the school in Newspringplace had failed, since only 2 to 3 pupils had come. He had again returned to Parkhill. It is clear that, whether the fault is entirely Br. Spaugh's or not, he has lost his influence and usefulness in the mission. For him to continue to remain there can only make the situation worse, and we have no other course but to recall Br. Wesley Spaugh without delay. We cannot promise to employ him in our district, but he is to be reimbursed by the mission for the expenses of his return journey. It is to be hoped that in this way the situation at the mission may improve. But Br. Mack's attention must earnestly be called to the fact that we strongly condemn his treatment of Br. Spaugh, as reported by the latter.

2. The colored elders have recently presented a request to have one of their number formally appointed as the minister of the colored congregation and ordained. They hope that in this way the little congregation, which definitely is languishing, might perhaps be strengthened. We would not be at all disinclined to appoint a colored minister and ordain him if there were a suitable candidate. None of the colored elders would be qualified for this; all of them too definitely lack knowledge and training. But to meet their request insofar as we may, we are willing to appoint Br. Alexander Gates for a year on a trial basis, to be in charge of the services and head of the congregation; he would thus be a kind of unordained minister.

3. The circular communication of the P.A.C. preparatory to the provincial synod, which is to be held this November, was read and approved. It contains a short statement of the reasons *against* and also the reasons *for*—which in the opinion of the P.A.C. predominate—a union of the two American districts. In accordance with the resolution of the provincial synod of 1869, they are to be sent out this early.

*July 13.*

1. Letters have been received from the Cherokee mission: 1st, from Br. Mack, dated May 23. In it he denies categorically any hostile attitude toward Br. Spaugh and seeks to exonerate himself of any fault; 2nd, from Br. T. M. Rights, dated June 1. In it he discusses the prospects for a school and congregation at Fort Gibson and laments the inner state of the Cherokee congregation, especially the almost complete ignorance of most of its members concerning our Moravian cause. Br. Wesley Spaugh, who in June returned to his father from the mission, would like

to know whether there are any prospects of his obtaining further employment here. We see none at this time. On July 25 the P.A.C. had an interview with Br. W. Spaugh, at which the P.A.C. gained no new information. Br. Spaugh is unwilling to admit that he is at fault in any way, as little as is Br. Mack. We cannot give Br. Spaugh an appointment.

*Aug. 3.*

3. Br. Grunert, the Inspector of the Girls' Boarding School, then submitted the accounts of the institution for the period from June 1, 1870, to May 31, 1871, together with the balance sheet of June 1, 1871. They show a surplus of \$11,296.11. The prices of grain, etc., were about as moderate last year as they were before the war, though the charges for board were much higher. The large total of outstanding debts is constantly mounting. Losses will result from the sums advanced to E. A. Vogler & Co. The surplus was allocated as follows: 1. To the Wa. Sustent. Diac., \$2,000; 2. dubious debts, \$2,000; 3. repairs, \$1,000; 4. furniture, \$1,000; 5. writing off Mary Mack's account, \$305.30; 6. music society, \$100; telegraph loan [bond?], \$1,000; building account \$3,890.81 = \$11,296.11.

It seems appropriate to offer the most favorable opportunity in our power for advancement in music to such local girls who are over fifteen years old and gifted and likely to become teachers in future.

Br. Grunert has found a prospective bride in the person of Sr. Martha Smith, teacher in the Bethlehem Girls' Boarding School. At the beginning of September he plans to leave for Pennsylvania for the wedding.

*Sept. 7.*

2. A letter from Br. T. M. Rights contains the question whether he should continue to conduct the school at Parkhill even though a public school should be established there. We are unable to express any opinion regarding the possibility of a mission school's being maintained under such circumstances. Br. Rights will himself have to decide this following consultation with Br. Mack. A letter from Br. Mack, dated August 18, deals with the appointment of a Cherokee woman as teacher at Newspringplace.

3. Br. Prince's physical situation in Kernersville is very inconvenient. A large non-Moravian family occupies the same house as he does, which decidedly cramps his quarters. Nor does he

have a proper stable for his horse. All this makes his living expenses very high. Br. Prince ought to get married. However, since this can scarcely take place this year, the P.A.C. has no objection to his intention of returning to Salem for the winter, where he can easily find suitable lodgings and live more cheaply. This arrangement would represent no disadvantage for his congregation, since he still would spend most of his time in it.

4. The congregation at Friedberg has raised \$285.75 for the support of its pastor for 1871.

*Oct. 5.*

1. A letter from Br. Mack, dated September 15, [contains the information that] Richard Wolfe, a Cherokee teacher appointed by Br. Mack, will have to be given a salary of \$40.00 a month as long as he serves, this being the customary salary of a teacher in the Cherokee nation. But since R. Wolfe is not a member of our church, the question arises why a public school should not just as well be established in N. Springplace at no cost to the mission.

2. An invitation must be extended to the Pennsylvania P.A.C. to send a fraternal delegation to our coming provincial synod.

*Nov. 29.*

Since the synod of the southern district of the American Unity Province, which had been in session from Novemer 27 to 29, had adjourned this afternoon, the brethren who had been re-elected as members of the P.A.C.—the brethren C. L. Rights and S. T. Pfohl, together with Br. E. A. de Schweinitz—held their organization meeting this evening. It resulted in the appointment of E. A. de Schweinitz as chairman.

3. A request has been submitted from Macedonia, where the congregation has had considerable growth, that a certain young Fishell [*sic*], a Methodist who, however, intends to unite with our church, should be appointed as assistant minister under Br. P. Leinbach.

*Dec. 7.*

1. We can take no action with regard to young Fishell so long as he is not a member of our church. The P.A.C. was not led to appoint Br. Wesley Spaugh, since in our opinion he is not suited for this.

2. In the matter of a teacher for the provincial boys' school, which the synod decided to establish anew, we shall have to turn to the Pennsylvania P.A.C.

3. The minutes of the 5th and 6th sessions of the provincial synod were read, as also the manuscript minutes of the provincial synod of February, 1858, to decide what part of the latter ought to be published as a printed report. There were only a few resolutions of this type, which should be printed at the beginning of the Journal of the Provincial Synod of 1871.

*Dec. 21.*

1. In reply to our inquiry regarding a teacher, the Pennsylvania P.A.C. suggests the Brethren Edward and William Reichel and Henry Jacobson. In case of need, we could also consider the appointment here of a Nazareth Hall teacher. Br. Parm. Leinbach would be a brother well suited for the school. It would be well to sound him out regarding it.

2. A letter from Br. Mack, dated December 4, reports that the horse which Br. Spaugh had acquired had been sold for \$90.00. However, he asks to be reimbursed for its feed.

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*Jan. 4.*

2. A letter from Br. T. M. Rights, dated December 13, reports that the Cherokee Council has approved the removal of the station to Parkhill and has appointed two agents representing it to choose a suitable spot for the new station in cooperation with one to be appointed by us. It will, therefore, now be necessary for the Brethren Rights and Mack to confer and report their opinion to us regarding this whole matter. Br. Theodor Rights was appointed as our agent. Br. Rights has been at Fort Gibson and reports that at that place some 25 pupils would be ready to enter a school, when established. Most of them, however, are whites, only a few of mixed descent. Furthermore, the place is unhealthful and the cost of living higher than at Parkhill. In view of this report, we could not agree to the establishment of a school [there], especially since most of the pupils are white.

3. Since Br. Parm. Leinbach has stated he would not be disinclined to accept appointment as teacher and director of the new boys' school, it was resolved to extend a formal call to him to this post. He will, however, remain at Friedberg until his suc-

cessor is chosen. To fill this gap we will again have to turn to the Pennsylvania P.A.C.

*Jan. 17.*

1. Trusting in the Lord's help, Br. Parmenio Leinbach has accepted the call to be teacher and director of the new boys' school.

2. A letter from the Pennsylvania P.A.C., dated January 12, proposes Br. S. Morgan Smith as a brother suitable for appointment in our district and also repeats the names of the brethren in Nazareth Hall who appear qualified for appointment. Since Br. C. L. Rights does not seem altogether disinclined himself to take over responsibility for the congregation at Friedberg, all further steps regarding the filling of the vacancy at Friedberg were postponed until we shall have his definite decision about this.

4. A letter from Br. Sylv. Wolle, written in the name of the Pennsylvania P.A.C., describes the very straitened circumstances of Sr. S. D. Vogler and her daughter Martha, who is afflicted in mind and body; they both are in Bethlehem at present. Help must be provided, since Sr. Vogler has nothing at all but her pension of \$100 a year from the U. Miss. Diac. In a case like hers the U.M.D. cannot refuse to help.

*Jan. 24.*

1. Since Br. Rights has decided to remain at Bethania, we will offer Friedberg to Br. Prince, with the understanding that he will get married again this spring in any case, even though he should decline this appointment. So soon as we have Br. Prince's reply, we shall have to extend a call to one of the teachers at Nazareth Hall, since Br. Smith is unable to accept any appointment for the time being because of the state of his health. The brother who will be called must be ordained in Pennsylvania; he ought also to get married before coming to Wachovia.

*Feb. 1.*

1. Br. Prince has declined the proposed appointment at Friedberg for [good] reasons. Therefore, we must turn to Pennsylvania without delay (see the minutes of January 24).

4. Br. Wesley Spaugh, who is on the point of leaving for the West, would like to have a certificate or credentials. Under the circumstances, he cannot make any claim for such a document, at most for a testimonial as to his conduct being without reproach.

*Feb. 13.*

A letter from the Pennsylvania P.A.C., dated February 5, contains their proposals for the Friedberg appointment. Br. Max Hark appears to be the best candidate for this position. The Pennsylvania P.A.C. should therefore be requested to see that he receives a call to Friedberg without delay. Since Br. Hark is able to preach in German also, it would be possible, in due time, to arrange for him to be exchanged for another suitable brother should urgent need for this arise. If Br. Hark should decline the call, Br. Adolf Lichtenthaler should be offered the call. It is very desirable that the brother who is called should come to Wachovia as a married man. To bring this about we are prepared to make an interim arrangement at Friedberg and give the brother who is called say three months' time to get married.

*Feb. 23.*

1. Br. Max. Hark has accepted the call to Friedberg, as the Pennsylvania P.A.C. reports to us, with the condition that we should *not* insist on his immediate marriage, since he is altogether unprepared for it. Since for good reasons we are unable to accept this condition, we must request the Pennsylvania P.A.C. to extend the call to Friedberg to Br. Adolf Lichtenthaler should Br. Hark continue to refuse to comply with our condition of marriage.

2. A letter from Br. T. M. Rights, dated February 13, contains the reasons why he and Br. Mack do not venture to reach any decision regarding the transfer of the station and request an official visit, so that this item and all others in reference to the mission may be dealt with on the spot, in the light of the information thus gained. We believe that the time is ripe for such a visit and will correspond with the U.A.C. with regard to this without delay.

*March 7.*

1. A letter from the Pennsylvania P.A.C. reports that Br. Max. Hark is unable to agree to get married immediately and that Br. Adolf Lichtenthaler, to whom the call has been extended, finds himself in the same situation. Both brethren are willing to accept the call except for this added condition. So to conclude this, since it is of importance to settle it without delay, the P.A.C. resolved to withdraw its condition of an early marriage and of necessity place an unmarried brother as pastor at Fried-

berg. Since the call had been first extended to Br. M. Hark, he must receive it again without the condition regarding marriage. Should he decline it, the proposal is to be made to Br. A. Lichtenhaeler [*sic*]. There is prospect that a suitable housekeeper can be employed. The brother who is called should arrive here right after Easter and bring as many household articles as possible, especially bed linens.

2. Br. Grunert, the director of the Girls' Boarding School, presented a petition from the relatives of the Older Girl Antoinette Butner for her to be admitted to the S.F.A. and train to become a teacher. She is an orphan and has good gifts; also, she appears to love the Lord sincerely and to try to follow Him faithfully. The P.A.C. gave its approval to this. Her relatives promise to be responsible for the girl's clothing.

*April 4.*

1. Br. Adolf Lichtenhaeler has accepted the call to Friedberg which he again received, after Br. M. Hark had declined it, and will arrive here during the 2nd week after Easter.

4. Br. Benj. Lineback is very grateful to the Home Mission Board for the change in his salary. He will have to be careful in his dealings with the Lutherans and Presbyterians, who seem to call upon his services at present to a considerable extent.

5. The subscription lists for the support of the pastors for 1872 amount to \$184.25 at Bethania and \$25.00 at Bethabara, or \$209.25 in total.

6. The P.A.C. had a long interview with Br. R. P. Lineback [*sic*] regarding the new provincial boys' school. The necessary arrangements were agreed upon. The Lord willing, the school is to be solemnly opened at 10 A.M. on April 16th in the old Boys' School building with the P.A.C., etc., attending.

*April 19.*

1. Br. Adolf Lichtenhaeler was installed as pastor of the Friedberg congregation on April 14, he having been ordained a deacon of the Moravian church in Pennsylvania on April 7—in Bethlehem by Bishop A. A. Reinke, as commissioned by our P.A.C.

2. The provincial boys' school, called the "Moravian Male Academy," was solemnly opened on April 16 with 10 pupils. Children belonging to the church are to be charged \$3.00 a session for Latin.

3. A letter from the U.A.C., dated March 28 and received on April 15, replying to Br. Schweinitz' letter regarding a visita-

tion of the Cherokee mission, contains the opinion of the U.M.D. and also of the entire U.A.C. that an official visit to the Cherokee mission should be undertaken, if possible, still during this spring. Accordingly, Br. E. A. de Schweinitz will leave on his way there, the Lord willing, the week following May 5.

4. Since Br. Lichtenthaler is to be installed at Macedonia on May 5, immediately before Br. E. A. de Schweinitz' departure, and he also intends to conduct the Holy Communion on that day in the negro congregation in Salem, Br. Rights will go to Macedonia. On April 28 Br. Lichtenthaler is to be installed at Hope.

*June 21.*

1. On June 19 Br. Emil A. de Schweinitz returned safely from his official visit to the Cherokee mission, following an absence of just 6 weeks.

2. Br. E. A. de S. rendered a brief preliminary report of his journey and of the state of the Cherokee mission, which on the whole provides cause for real hope. It was decided that since the mission school at Newspringplace is going on well, it is to be maintained as such, at least during the next term from September 1, 1872, to the end of January, 1873. The current term ends on July 15.

*July 4.*

1. Br. E. A. de S. again rendered a report on the Cherokee mission. The 3 main points which he will stress in his report to the U.M.D. are: 1. The advisability of maintaining the Cherokee mission; 2. The transfer of the former station of Canaan to the vicinity of Parkhill and Talequah and the founding of a new station there. A very considerable outlay of money is involved in this, which probably will amount to \$5,000. For it will be necessary to acquire a dwelling for Br. and Sr. Rights and to build a church. Br. and Sr. Rights's continued service in the mission is contingent upon this measure. 3. The continuation of the mission school at Newspringplace as such, as a result of which also an annual outlay of \$400 for the teacher's salary falls upon the Missions Diac. The P.A.C. is in agreement with these 3 main points and is persuaded of their feasibility provided they are possible in other respects in the judgment of the U.M.D.

2. The outlay for feed for the horses and meals of the rural ministers when they visit Salem has risen to such a point that the P.A.C. is convinced that the regulation, which exists even though it apparently is to some extent forgotten, must be strict-

ly observed to have the Sustent. Diac. provide reimbursement for the above items only where official visits are involved. Further, 25 cents would seem enough for one meal or the feeding of a horse, and the Sust. Diac. ought not to pay more. All concerned must again be urged to observe this rule.

3. On May 11 the election took place at Friedberg of the Brn. Solomon Hege as steward of the Holy Communion; Archibald Sink as steward of the lovefeast; and Traugott Spach, Harrison Crouse, Ephr. Weisner, Joseph Walk, Lemuel Mendenhall, Eli Sides, and Jonathan Fishell [sic] as members of the committee. All of these brethren, with Br. Jesse Mack as head Saaldiener, form the Friedberg committee and were approved as such by the P.A.C.

*July 29.*

1. Also a letter has been received from Wesley Spaugh regarding the property rights relating to a small Indian horse (pony). If he believes that the Indian horse really belongs to him and not to the mission, he may have it together with its 2 foals, since we have never claimed it. The \$90.00 which Br. Mack has received for the horse which was sold will be paid at any time to Wesley Spaugh or his agent on demand.

2. A petition addressed to the trustees by the laundresses of the S.F.A. for an increase in the money paid for laundry has been received in the mail.

3. The subscription in support of the ministers for 1872 amounts to \$257.80 at Friedberg; to \$17.25 at Friedland; to \$20.25 at Kernersville.

*Aug. 1.*

1. Today the P.A.C. had an interview with Br. R. P. Lineback with regard to the Moravian Male Academy. The school will reopen on August 5, if it please God, with a considerable number of new pupils. Drawing and piano instruction cannot be offered for the time being because the teachers do not have the time.

2. Br. Grunert, the director of the Girls' Boarding School, submitted the annual accounts as of May 31, 1872. The surplus amounts to \$6,341.55. The balance sheet still carries a number of questionable items. The surplus was allocated as follows: 1. Wa. Sustent. Diac., \$3,000; 2. repairs, \$1,000; 3. dubious debts, \$926.39; 5. furniture, \$1,000; 5. Mary Mack's account, \$335.16; 6. contribution to church repairs at Hope, \$30.00; contribution

for Martha Vogler, \$50.00. The director was commissioned to reach as satisfactory an agreement as possible with the laundresses regarding the laundry money, since they ought really to have applied to him in this matter.

*Sept. 5.*

1. Letters have been received from Br. T. M. Rights and Br. E. J. Mack. The latter reports the need for a new teacher in the mission school to replace Richard Wolfe, who will have to be dismissed on account of his bad behavior, so that another teacher will have to be appointed. Wesley Spaugh also has again written regarding the pony. Our decision regarding it has already been communicated to him.

2. Br. Prince has stated categorically that he will not be able to hold out in his present position longer than the end of October. He does not desire to have an appointment in the North, but will shift for himself. We must let this matter rest for awhile since we have no prospects for a successor to Br. Prince.

3. Br. R. P. Lineback would like to appoint a young Br., Jacob Knouse of Friedberg, as assistant teacher since the number of pupils in the Moravian Male Acady. makes this desirable. Br. Knouse appears to be suited for the position and the P.A.C. gave its consent. In lieu of salary he is to receive in accordance with his desire private instruction and board. The Sustent. Diac. will pay from \$6.00 to \$8.00 a month for board.

*Sept. 20.*

2. A letter from the Pennsylvania P.A.C., dated September 11, offers us Br. Joseph Romig for an appointment. Though we have great need for a brother here, we wish to have more definite information about this brother, who is almost completely unknown to us, before we would take further steps.

3. We discussed the complaints of the colored elders regarding the obstacles placed by white members of the church, especially their neighbors, in their way in their conducting services in their own fashion, that is the Methodist. These protest again the noise in the evening services, with the result that they (the elders) have become quite discouraged. We regretted this. No doubt the excitement will calm down in time.

*Oct. 3.*

2. A letter from the Pennsylvania P.A.C., dated September 24, contains the information that Br. Joseph Romig does not

wish to have any appointment for the present due to the state of his health. In the second place it contains a call to Br. I. Prince to become the pastor of the English congregation in West Salem, Illinois, which is to be transmitted to Br. Prince by our P.A.C., should we approve. We have no objection, for Br. Prince has repeatedly declared categorically that he is unwilling to remain in Wachovia. We could not agree with the proposals made to us for appointments, namely, the Brn. Edward Reichel, F. F. Hagen, and S. Morgan Smith, since they are not suitable.

*Nov. 12.*

1. Br. Isaac Prince has accepted his call to West Salem and left here on October 29.

2. Letters from Br. T. M. Rights, dated October 15 and 23, and from Br. Mack, dated October 25, report it to be the unanimous opinion of the missionaries that the improved place or farm belonging to Br. Ross, which contains all necessary buildings and also about 35 acres of land ready for cultivation, is the most suitable and cheapest for the new station. This place can be had for \$2,000. The buildings are in good condition. The location between Parkhill and Talequah is very appropriate. It has lumber and water in abundance and is conveniently located. Chapel Spring would be a more romantic site. The lack of lumber, however, and the necessity of erecting all of the buildings and of bringing the land under cultivation are definitely unfavorable to the choice of this spot. Following mature deliberation it was decided to purchase the Ross property for not more than \$2,000. The erection of a church must now be undertaken so soon as possible.

3. The congregations of Friedland and Kernersville are to be served as best they may during the winter, mainly from Salem.

4. The affairs of the colored congregation were again discussed. There is no possibility of building another church outside of the town.

*Dec. 5.*

1. A letter from Br. T. M. Rights, dated November 24, reports the purchase of the Ross property for \$1,900.

3. Mr. Goslin has applied to Br. R. P. Lineback for the post of an assistant teacher in the Morav. Male Academy. At present there is no need for any. The salary of Jacob Knouse as assistant teacher was set at \$25.00 a month, effective January 1, 1873.

Of course, he himself is now responsible for his board. We have no authority to decide whether the organ of the Sisters' House should be transferred to the school.

4. Br. Saml. Woosely of Friedberg feels an inner call to be active as a minister for the Lord. We cannot give him any prospect of an appointment and believe that he can be more useful in his present situation than in the one he seeks.

5. Since the middle of November services have again been held regularly by Elder Gates in the negro church and all seems to have been proceeding properly again. For good reasons we cannot agree to the immersion of candidates for adult baptism.

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*Feb. 6.*

3. Br. Lichtenthaler has reported the election of a new committee at Macedonia consisting of the Brn. Henry Lee, Cornelius Hall, and Emerson Riddle. There appear to be objections and misgivings with regard to the last-mentioned, mainly on account of his Baptist views. We would like to have more detailed information regarding this matter before we reach a decision.

5. The P.A.C. discussed in a preliminary way the filling of the vacancies in Wachovia. It is our intention to call 2 ministers, if possible, so that Friedberg may have a full-time pastor; Kengersville and Friedland one; and New Philadelphia, Hope, and Macedonia one.

6. The visits being paid to the Widows' House by young Stafford, a scholar in the Morav. Male Acady., must cease. Br. R. P. Lineback will inform him of this.

*April 3.*

1. Since according to Br. Lichtenthaler's statement Br. Emerson Riddle cannot be charged with anything of real moment, the P.A.C. saw no reason to object to the election of the committee at Macedonia.

2. Br. Ephraim Weisner at Friedberg has caused us to be notified of his desire for an appointment as a minister because he feels an inner call to proclaim the gospel. The P.A.C. repeated

the statement it had made in Br. Saml. Woosely's case (see the minutes of December 5, 1872).

3. In Bethania there have been elected as members of the committee, and confirmed by the P.A.C., the Brn. Joseph Tran-sou, Oliver Lehman, Wm. Lineback, John H. Kapp, Wm. Grabs, Nathl. Pfaff, and Wm. Stoltz. Br. Levin Grabs continues to be the head Saaldiener or lovefeast steward.

4. Sr. C. S. Van Vleck, due to her advanced age, has resigned from her office as Widows' laboress. Several sisters were suggested as her successors, but no decision was reached with regard to filling the vacancy.

5. Letters have been received from the Cherokee mission: from Br. Mack, dated February 22 and March 8, and from Br. Rights, dated February 17. The winter was very severe. Br. Rights has submitted a draft for the new church, which seems very suitable. Before a decision can be reached regarding it, an estimate of its cost must be prepared. He took possession of the new station on February 19.

8. The renewed request of the colored elders for a church outside of town and the ordination of a brother from among them could not be discussed in detail at this session.

#### *May 1.*

2. In the matter of a fraternal delegation to be sent to the Pa. Prov. Synod it was decided that Br. E. A. de Schweinitz should attend it as the representative of the Wa. P.A.C. and of our district. Then so soon as possible following the election of the new P.A.C. of the northern district, he is to negotiate with it regarding brethren to fill the vacancies in our district. Br. Adolf Lichtenthaler has expressed a wish to be relieved of his office of pastor at Friedberg because he does not consider himself to be equal to it. He is ready to serve again for 1 to 2 years as teacher at Nazareth Hall.

#### *July 1.*

1. Br. Mack writes regarding his sending his 2 youngest daughters to the Girls' Boarding School here. Since the youngest is more than 10 years old, they may enter this coming fall.

3. Br. E. A. de Schweinitz reported about his attending the provincial synod of the northern district in Litiz and his negotiations with the northern P.A.C. at Bethlehem regarding the filling of the vacancies in our district. Br. Sylv. Wolle's serious illness rendered the latter more difficult. Nevertheless, it was agreed that Br. Schweinitz, in the name of the Wa. P.A.C., should ex-

tend a call to Friedberg to Br. David Zeisberger Smith of Chaska, who was at Bethlehem at the time. Br. Smith accepted this call. Br. Schwitz. also was given the definite promise that in the course of the changes we would be provided with another brother for appointment in Wachovia.

4. Since Br. Chr. Ludw. Rights is now willing to assume charge of Kernersville and Friedland, and the former place, due to its situation along the railroad, has prospect of an increase in its population with accessions to the congregation at that place, the P.A.C. considered it advisable that the minister should not live at Friedland in future, where the parsonage also is in very poor condition, but at Kernersville. Plans will have to be made so soon as possible for the construction of a parsonage at that place. The members at Kernersville appear to be ready to do their utmost to further this project. So the brother who has been promised us will be stationed at Bethania. Should Br. A. Lichtenhaeler not be given an appointment in the North, he could be used here.

5. Due to advancing age Br. Saml. Thomas Pfohl has found it necessary, after 36 years of faithful service, to lay down his office of Vorsteher of the congregation of Salem at the end of May. So as to relieve him immediately from its burden, an interim arrangement was agreed upon. Nevertheless, the time seemed to the P.A.C. to have come to take preparatory steps looking towards a permanent adjustment like that introduced in the older settlement congregations in the North. Accordingly, the office of the congregation Vorsteher would be terminated and the congregation would acquire the rights of a corporation, so that its Board of Trustees could legally administer the property of the congregation.

6. For the support of their pastor for 1873 there has been subscribed,

in Bethania	\$156.50
in Bethabara	15.00
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	\$171.50

*July 16.*

1. The Financial Board has approved the erection of a parsonage in Kernersville. Br. E. A. de Schweinitz will endeavor, so soon as possible, to arrange for the Financial Board to meet with the congregation council in Kernersville on the subject of the building.

3. Br. Rights reported that repairs to the church at Bethabara are very necessary.

4. He also communicated the desire of some members belonging to Bethania who live at Stony Ridge, 16 miles from Bethania, that the Bethania minister should preach once a month in their area.

*Aug. 5.*

1. The necessary repairs to the church and parsonage at Bethabara must be undertaken immediately. The Bethabara committee has commissioned Br. Will. Pratt to solicit contributions for this cause in Salem, since the congregation alone is not able to meet the outlays, which will amount to about \$200. The P.A.C. gave its approval to this.

3. The Pennsylvania P.A.C. has extended a call in the name of our P.A.C. to Br. Eugen P. Greider of Lebanon to become the pastor of Bethania and Bethabara, though without again corresponding with us on the subject. The Bethania committee is not pleased with this call because it considers said brother unsuited and has stated that it would like to have the call extended to Br. F. F. Hagen. The P.A.C. was not led to consider Br. Hagen for this post. We must give further thought to the question whether Br. Greider's call should be withdrawn.

*Aug. 7.*

1. Br. Grunert, director of the Girls' Boarding School, submitted the accounts of the institution for June 1, 1872, to May 31, 1873. They show a surplus of \$11,193.79, inclusive of the sale price of the house sold to John Wimmer for \$1,100 in cash. This surplus was allocated as follows: 1. To the Wa. Sustent. Diac., \$3,000; 2. Mary Mack's account, \$349.49; 3. furniture, \$800; 4. repairs, \$1,000; 5. writing off the Savings Institute deposits, \$10,006.25; 6. dubious debts, \$1,491.68. To accomplish this the surplus was increased by adding to it the educational fund of \$1,500 and the reserve fund of \$3,953.63, and thus \$16,647.42 alocated as recorded above.

By the surplus income	\$11,193.79
By the education fund	1,500.00
By the reserve fund	3,953.63
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	\$16,647.42

Plans will now have to be made actually to purchase the town lots which belong to the S. F. Acady. and to make some other arrangement regarding the school fees of the town girls.

2. After subtracting from its building costs all that the Wa. Sustent. Diac. had paid for the construction of the church at Kernersville and what had been received through subscriptions, Dr. Elias Kerner still had expended \$531 of his own resources above the amount of his subscription. He wishes to educate his daughter in the S.F.A. and has requested that aid be granted him towards the education of his daughter in view of his outlays for the church, since they had reduced his financial circumstances. To end this matter once and for all and to free the church in Kernersville from such claims, whether actual or presumed, the P.A.C. resolved that Dr. E. Kerner's daughter should be educated in the S.F.A. for 2 years without charge and should also receive instruction in music. Thus Dr. Kerner would be responsible only for her clothes, books, and contingencies. This would be done with the express condition that thereby all and every claim on his part, originating from the construction of the church, should permanently and completely be done away with. No actual cash outlay will be created for the S.F.A. by this arrangement, while Dr. Kerner will receive ample compensation for his outlays. Br. Grunert was in complete agreement with this.

3. Br. Adolf Lichtenhaeler would like to have an appointment in our district. A trial could be made with carrying out the plan which has frequently been discussed, making him responsible for the 3 congregations of New Philadelphia, Hope, and Macedonia, provided he could obtain living quarters with some member, also board for himself and feed for his horse. Br. Lichtenhaeler too would like such an arrangement best.

4. Since our session on August 5, we have received a letter from Br. Robert de Schweinitz with such favorable information about Br. Greider that the P.A.C. resolved to offer him again to the Bethania committee as their pastor.

*Aug. 12.*

1. Br. Rights reported that in spite of every effort on his part the Bethania committee is unwilling even to make a trial with Br. Greider, though they have no reason to object to him other than his presumed unfitness for the position. But the Bethania committee will raise no objection should the P.A.C. insist on having the call stand, which Br. Greider has already received. The P.A.C. resolved to make a trial with Br. Greider at Bethania. Accordingly, Br. Greider is to be informed of the

difficulties at Bethania and a communication sent to the Pennsylvania P.A.C.

2. Br. Rights wants to preach his farewell sermon at Bethania on October 5 and to move to Kernersville during the following days.

3. *Cherokee mission.* A letter from Br. T. M. Rights, dated July 28, reports that by leaving off the cupola and the porch, etc., the estimate of the costs of the church at Wood Mount [sic] had been reduced to \$1,800. The P.A.C. approved the building in accord with this new estimate. Six to nine months will probably pass before the church is completed, since much time is required for securing the material. The limestone common in the area will serve for a cornerstone. A letter from Br. Mack, dated July 29, has also been received together with the diary up to the end of June. He does not plan to send his children to the boarding school until in 1874; then the long-discussed visit of his wife is also to take place.

4. Since Br. Thomas Spach is willing to have Br. Lichtenthaeler live in his home and Br. Lichtenthaeler has accepted the call as pastor of New Philadelphia, Hope, and Macedonia, he will assume his new charge so soon as his successor relieves him at Friedberg.

*Oct. 2.*

1. The charter of the Salem congregation, which had been adopted by the congregation council on September 23 and submitted to the P.A.C., was approved by the P.A.C. and also the proposed changes in the management of the temporal affairs of the Salem congregation.

2. On September 19, Br. and Sr. D. Z. Smith moved to Friedberg and were installed that same day, and similarly, Br. A. Lichtenthaeler to the congregation at New Philadelphia on September 20, as its present pastor.

3. As to the stipend for David Smith, who is in his 16th year, we can give no assistance from the Wa. Sustentation, since in our opinion in view of the fact that his parents were in the service of the northern district during this whole period, the entire 4 years are a charge on the Pennsylvania Sustent., of which amount 2 years have indeed already been paid.

*Nov. 6.*

1. A letter from the Pennsylvania P.A.C., dated October 24, informs us of their willingness to grant David Smith a stipend

for another year, that is a total of 3 years from the Pennsylvania sustentation. To provide him with every possible educational opportunity, the P.A.C. resolved to grant him \$50.00 for his 4th year, this being the amount of a year's stipend in the North; furthermore, he is not to be required to pay any school fees.

2. On October 12 Br. and Sr. Eugene Patterson Greider were installed at Bethania on the occasion of the observance of the Married People's festival. A very large congregation was present. The Holy Communion was very well attended. Br. and Sr. Greider received a most friendly welcome and Br. Greider's inaugural sermon made a favorable impression.

4. The P.A.C. has recommended the use of the amended church litany to the congregations, both for the sake of attaining uniformity and because the old form will no longer be printed in the new edition of the hymnbook.

5. Br. T. M. Rights reports under date of October 12 the cornerstone laying of the new church near Talequah on September 21.

6. The P.A.C. was not led to agree to the wish of the colored Brother Alex. Gates for his ordination because he does not possess the necessary qualifications therefor. As little could it agree to propose the construction of a new negro church in the vicinity of Salem, which the elders desire, particularly since there is a fine roomy church for colored people in Salem.

*Dec. 19.*

1. Since a new roof must be laid on one side of the church at Friedland, the Wa. Sustent. will provide assistance in case of need, after the congregation has done its utmost.

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*Feb. 5.*

1. Jacob Hege, Sr., applies for permission to join the congregation at Friedberg, as also do Emeline Fishell and Vict. Ade-lade Spach, m. n. Douthid. The 2 latter are members of the Methodist church; similarly Rhoda Florence Sheek, m. n. Hard-man, a Methodist, at Macedonia. We had no objection to make.

2. Letters have been received from the Cherokee mission, with the report and the diary of Newspringplace for 1873 and

the report of Woodmount, the new station, for the year 1873. Br. Rights's request that a small cupola be erected on the new church and a bell acquired was granted as being really desirable. Thereby the costs were increased by \$160.

*March 5.*

1. Letters have been received from the Cherokee mission: from Br. Mack, dated January 29, and Br. Rights, dated February 17. Br. Mack again formally applies for permission to send his 2 daughters to the Boarding School this spring and also for Sr. Mack to visit her home after an absence of 26 years. Since Br. Mack is unable to decide himself to undertake the journey east, his son Ephraim will accompany them. The P.A.C. gave its approval, although we regret that Br. Mack will not himself accompany his wife and children.

2. Since Br. Jacob Knouse, assistant teacher in the Moravian Male Acady., has been called home by the Lord, whereby the school has suffered a grievous loss, a number of applications for the vacant post were discussed. Those who have applied are: Robert F. Kern; Thos. W. Shields, teacher at Nazareth Hall; Br. Goslin of Salem; and Br. Charles Kremer in the theological seminary in Bethlehem. Br. Gilson Sheek, in Macedonia, seems to Br. R. P. Lineback to be most suited for the position, should he be available.

3. The newly-elected committee in Kernersville, namely, the Brn. Elias Kerner, John F. Kerner, and Philip Kerner, was approved by the P.A.C.

*April 17.*

1. It is probable that Br. A. Lichtenthaler will not be able to live much longer at Br. and Sr. Thos. Spach's in Philadelphia, though it would be very desirable to have the present arrangement continue. The proper time has not yet come for permanently establishing a minister's residence there.

*June 1.*

1. On May 26 our Br. S. Thos. Pfahl, a member of our P.A.C. since 1869 and a faithful servant of his Lord for a long period of years in various offices in Wachovia, fell peacefully asleep. His memory will live on among us. To fill the vacancy on the P.A.C., a provincial synod of the Southern District of the American Province will convene, God willing, on July 13, in accordance with paragraph 36, page 25, of the Digest of 1856.

2. For the time being Br. A. Lichtenthaler will live at Br. and Sr. Charles Pfohl's in Salem and serve his congregations from here.

3. A letter from Br. L. T. Reichel on the U.A.C., dated May 5, brought the affecting news of the home going of Br. Aug. Clemens, our correspondent on the U.A.C., which occurred on May 5 following a short illness; it also told of Br. Ernst N. Hahn's retiring from his office. A 2nd letter, dated May 9 and received on the 28th, informs us that Br. Ernst F. Reichel had taken over the correspondence with Wachovia for the time being and enclosed the circular letter of the U.A.C. concerning the filling of the 2 vacancies upon it. Today the P.A.C. voted for the Brn. J. Jackson Shawe of Ockbrook, W. Ferd. Bechler of South Africa, and Abraham Lichtenthaler of St. Kitts for the Mission Department and also gave a vote, which we share with the Pennsylvania P.A.C., for the Brn. F. E. Seidel of Herrnhut, E. W. Geisler of Neusalz, and Johann W. Müller of Christiansfeld for the Wardens' Department.

4. The newly-elected committee at Friedberg was approved, namely, the Brn. Jesse Mack, head Saaldiener; Theoph. Spach, Communion steward; John Crouch, lovefeast steward; Eli Sides, Timothy Fishell, Traugott Spach, Ephr. Weisner, Harrison Crouse, Saml. Tesh, and Lemuel Mendenhall.

5. Br. Greider reported that Edward Hennig and his wife have applied for permission to unite with the congregation at Bethabara, and James Freeland and his wife, at Bethania. We have no objections.

*July 2.*

1. Following a conference which we had with Br. R. Lineback regarding the appointment of an assistant teacher in the Moravian Male Academy, it was agreed to offer the position to Thos. W. Shields.

2. A letter from Br. Mack, dated June 3, reporting his well-being, has been received, as also one from Br. Rights, which informs us of the consecration of the new church at Woodmount on June 14.

3. Two letters have been received from our present correspondent on the U.A.C., dated May 19 and June 5. Br. Ernst Reichel begins his official correspondence and reports the good news that a new church law has been passed, according to which the Moravian church in Austria has been given freedom to carry on independent work.

4. The new committee at Macedonia was approved, namely, the Brn. Richmond Sheek, Saml. Swearerger, Henry Lee, Gilson Sheek, and Joel Beauchamp.

5. The new committee at Bethabara was approved, namely, the Brn. Wm. Pratt, Theod. Hine, J. H. Shore, Alex. Shore, and Calvin Hauser, steward.

6. We have no objection to D. Z. Smith's attempt to enter his son David in the college at Bethlehem.

*July 14.*

On July 13 the provincial synod of our southern district filled the vacancy on our P.A.C. caused by the home going of Br. Pfohl by the election of Br. M. Grunert, whom we cordially welcomed today as our colleague.

1. Br. Grunert will be the recording secretary.

2. The recent provincial synod gave the P.A.C. no particular directions. However, it should be recorded that it expressed the view that it would be desirable and useful to have a bishop in our district, as was the case formerly; consequently, the provincial synod, in accordance with its rules, unanimously proposed Br. Emil A. de Schweinitz for the office of bishop. This proposal will now be forwarded to the U.A.C. to be dealt with further and decided finally by the lot.

3. The P.A.C. approved the proposal that Br. James T. Lineback be nominated to the Financial Board as a brother suited to hold the office of treasurer of the Sustentation.

4. Br. Thos. Shields is unable to accept the offer made to him, since he has again undertaken to serve as a teacher at Nazareth Hall.

*July 21.*

1. The annual account of the Girls' Boarding School for the past school year was submitted. It showed a surplus of \$8,000.71, which was allocated as follows: 1. Wachovia Sustentation, \$3,000; 2. Mary Mack's account, \$360.34; repairs, \$1,000; purchase of the land on which the school buildings stand, \$587.02; for the purchase of the home of the late Sr. Bagge, \$2,000; 6. reserve for dubious debts, \$1,053.35.

2. The 2 younger daughters of Br. and Sr. Mack, Anna and Emma, are awaiting the beginning of the new school year, when they will enter the school as boarders.

3. The query whether it would not be wise to insure the school buildings against loss by fire was left undecided for the present.

4. The post of assistant teacher in the boys' school has not yet been filled. Br. Leinbach [*sic*] proposes first to talk again with Br. Sheeks [*sic*] at Macedonia.

*Aug. 7.*

1. A young man obviously with a good education, B. J. Burgess [*sic*], has applied for the position of assistant teacher in the boys' school. He has read the history of the Moravian church and desires in time to serve as a minister. Since Br. Sheeks [*sic*] does not accept, Br. Leinbach has invited the former to come to Salem on a visit as a first step.

4. Br. Benj. Leinbach [*sic*] asks about leasing the farm in case he should accept the proposal of Br. Leibert of Nazareth Hall for him to reassume his position there as teacher. —The Home Mission Board has already reached a decision on this in its last session.

5. Br. David Z. Smith has applied to the college authorities regarding his son David. They appear to expect our Sustentation to pay the \$200 annually which have been paid for the sons of ministers in the past. —When our regular annual contribution was increased to \$1,000, this item was overlooked. —It shall be a rule that the \$200 are to be paid in future provided the northern Sustentation makes the same contribution. —The case of *this* young man, however, is a special one, since he should have entered before coming here with his parents, and then no demand of this nature would have been made. It seems only proper to stress this view in Bethlehem.

*Aug. 11.*

3. A letter from Br. Mack contains the extraordinary proposal that his wife should stay here, in which case he would provide generously for her support. He states that she has been the main obstacle in the way of the mission work, but does not state in what manner. —As a matter of course, this suggestion cannot be carried out.

4. Mr. Burgess is here on a visit. It is to be left to Br. Leinbach whether he would like to have him as an assistant teacher or not.

*Sept. 3.*

2. David Smith, Jr., will go to college in Bethlehem for 1 year on a trial basis, and our Sustentation will pay the \$200. If he proves that he ought to be permitted to continue his studies, he will have to receive further assistance.

3. The following brethren have been elected as the committee at Philadelphia and are approved herewith: Thos. Spach, as steward; John Butner, as Saaldiner; Allen Crater, Webster Miller, and James Butner.

4. Sr. Mack plans to return to the Cherokee mission in the near future. Since no reply has as yet been received from Br. Mack, nothing more can be done in this matter. She probably will take the younger daughter, who is not well, back with her.

5. A letter from the U.A.C. was read. Br. William Ferd. Bechler of South Africa has been elected a member of the Mission Department. —Since the election of our Brother v. Schweinitz as a bishop has been approved by the lot, his consecration is to take place next month. It seemed simplest to have it be carried out in Bethlehem. However, since many members of the Salem congregation are very anxious to have it take place here and are ready to meet the increased costs by means of voluntary contributions, measures are to be taken to comply with this wish.

*Nov. 5.*

2. Letters from New Springplace indicate that Sr. Mack reached home safely on September 20. Br. Mack is quite agreeable. His complaints had been directed against his son Ephraim; now, however, he has put all of this to one side and intends to begin a new page.

3. The following persons have received permission to unite with the church: at Friedberg, Jos. Herman, Saml. Hege and his wife; in Philadelphia, Jona. Miller and his wife, Sarah E. Hester; in Kernersville, Emma Whicker. —The P.A.C. has no objections.

4. At Mt. Bethel, where the Home Missionary Society clearly is unable to meet the expenses of the present establishment much longer, no change can be made before spring, in view of the advanced season of the year.

5. No service has been held at Hope since the congregational anniversary in August. Br. Lichtenthhr. went there, but found either no one or only *one* person. He would like to be permitted by the P.A.C. to omit his activity there until in the spring. The P.A.C. was of the opinion that it would be very wrong to grant this. Br. L. is to search out the people and ask them what they want to do. The matter is quite a difficult one. Br. L. is not at all popular as a preacher, though he gets on well in associating with people; probably, however, he does not feel at home among

them. Br. Schweinitz will pay a visit there in the near future and discuss the matter.

*Dec. 3.*

2. Br. Benj. Leinbach writes from Mt. Bethel that he is altogether weary of his position there and wishes to be called away. Feeling as he does, it is not remarkable that he does not speak well of the members of that home missionary congregation.

3. Br. Schweinitz has visited Hope. Indifference and a change in the day on which the monthly preaching service is held are given as reasons why the members stay away. Since Br. Lichtenh. was present, they said nothing about not caring for his sermons. —It is very regrettable that Br. James Sides is holding with the Baptists; he had been one of the best members of the congregation. (He had married a Baptist.)

4. We discussed the need of taking measures to extend our field in this district, for fear that our work might come to a complete standstill.

6. So too a letter from Br. Theodre. Rights [was read]. Should he be offered the position in the Female Seminary which the Ch[erokee] nation is to found, this would appear very desirable.

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*Jan. 15.*

4. Br. R. P. Leinbach suggests that Br. Ad. Lichtenthaler be given him as an assistant in the school, in which case he would be prepared to take a more active part in conducting services than hitherto. Since Br. Licht. would thus be altogether prevented from visiting the members of his congregation and has no inkling of this proposal, the matter was tabled for the present.

*Feb. 5.*

1. The plan of employing Br. Lichtenthaler in the boys' school has been given up. Since Sr. Krämer has applied to Br. P. Leinbach for an appointment, he is to be at liberty to accept her as an assistant teacher until the end of the school year.

2. Br. Ben. Leinbach will have to remain at Mt. Bethel until further notice, since we have no other place for him.

3. A number of members of the Friedberg congregation who live more than 5 miles from the church in the neighborhood of Emml. Tesch's would like to put up a building for Sunday School and services. —Since Pleasant Fork no longer meets their needs and they rarely are able to get to Friedberg, we have no objection, provided they maintain their connection with Friedberg.

5. Br. Friebele writes from Crane's Mills, Texas, that that area offers a field for work.

6. A letter from Br. E. Reichel, dated January 4, deals with the mission school at New Springplace. Since the question of saving money is not the main thing and there really is no one there to conduct Sunday School when Br. Mack and [his interpreter] Br. Israel (who usually accompanies him) are away, it did not seem advisable, after all, to give up this school immediately.

#### *March 4.*

1. Sr. Krämer has become the assistant teacher and receives \$15.00 a month, as she herself had requested.

2. A letter from Br. Ben. Leinbach speaks about a sale of effects at Mt. Bethel, apparently prematurely.

4. The elders of the negro congregation complain about the poor attendance at the Sunday evening services which they conduct, and also the fact that the other men do nothing for the church, particularly as Saaldiener. Br. Alexr. Gates has submitted a kind of resignation from his holding services. The brethren appear still to believe that if one of their number would be ordained, this would be a great help. —Work there is in a poor state, but the conference doesn't know how to assist it under the present conditions.

5. Br. Schweinitz has tabulated the contributions from congregations and individuals for various church causes during the past year. Many of them are very low; nevertheless, it seemed desirable to have them published in the *Moravian*.

#### *April 1.*

2. For a long series of years Br. Josua Boner has occupied the position of bookkeeper in the Girls' Boarding School. For quite a while now it has been evident that the time was coming when he could no longer do justice to this office. This point has now been reached. Though it was understood that he would have

no claim to pension, still the conference wishes to do something for him, since otherwise he would have to be completely dependent upon his children. Probably, however, he will be placed in the asylum and, if this should be done in the near future, he would be supported by the county. In that case Br. Grunert will provide a subsidy for Sr. Boner. We now were faced with the question of how this post could best be filled. The conference was of the opinion that a brother should be found, if possible, who could at the same time make himself useful as an assistant to the director and also teach a number of subjects. Br. Schweinitz will write to his brother Robert to learn whether a suitable proposal could be made in Bethlehem. We also thought of Br. Menzel.

*June 8.*

1. Br. Boner has entered the asylum at Raleigh, and Sr. Boner has moved to her daughter Jacobsen's in Washington. No suitable brother could be suggested by Bethlehem for this post. However, since a Christiansfeld brother, Saml. Wied, plans to immigrate into the United States, Br. Schweinitz has written to Br. E. Reichel asking him, provided they can recommend Br. Wied, to let him know of this opening. For the present Br. James Leinbach assists with the books.

3. In a letter, dated May 7, Br. Mack proposes that the interpreter, Br. Israel, again be given a fixed salary of \$150, as formerly, instead of his remuneration being calculated on the basis of days and hours, as is now done. Since the latter method is difficult and unpleasant, this proposal was accepted. He also inquires whether his daughter Mary would be able to become a teacher at the Girls' Boarding School in the near future. The conduct of her younger sister is the main difficulty. Br. Mack is to be notified of these circumstances.

4. The costs of the lovefeast held recently at Friedland have been covered by subscriptions and collections except for \$3.00; this the Sustentation will pay.

5. We proceeded again to take up the difficult subject of Mt. Bethel. The only possibility seemed to be our moving Br. Ben. Leinbach to Bethabara and giving him charge of this congregation. He could also serve Mt. Bethel from there by means of monthly visits. —This would be the more acceptable, since Br. Greider complains that the state of his health makes it very difficult for him to be responsible for Bethabara also. If, as ex-

pected, Br. Leinbach should come here on a visit in the near future, this matter should be discussed with him.

*July 15.*

1. A letter from Br. Th. Rights, dated June 21, mentions that while he was preaching at Tallequah on the 20th, a shot through the window gave a man in the congregation a dangerous head wound.

2. Letters from Br. Israel, dated the 6th, and from Br. Mack, dated the 14th of June, report that the full-blooded [Indians] are dissatisfied with their present Methodist and Baptist church connection and are, in their opinion, at the point of taking refuge among us. The Methodist national ministers especially consider themselves rejected because they do not receive the financial assistance that had been promised them. —One of the latter, Sam. Smith, a well-known man whose father had been a helper brother in our mission and 5 persons of whose family belong to us—a talented man, but with little education, well versed in the Holy Scripture and in spirit a “Brother”—would like to be employed by us as a missionary assistant; said brethren recommend him most heartily. The conference saw clearly that it would be very desirable for us to have such a person, provided the brethren mentioned above have judged the circumstances correctly and represent everything as it actually is. At all events this suggestion ought not be turned down, but we should first inquire whether Sam. Smith is an ordained minister or a licensed preacher.

3. Br. and Sr. D. Z. Smith at Friedberg have stated that they wish to be moved from there. Even before this the P.A.C. had become convinced that they do not have good relations with the majority of the congregation and that sooner or later it would be necessary to move them. Since there is no suitable place for this couple in our district, Br. Schweinitz will write to Bethlehem regarding them.

4. Young David Smith's probationary year has now ended, and his reports are of such a nature that it would be wrong not to let him continue with his studies. He will, therefore, remain there, at least so long as he continues to exert himself.

5. On the other hand, Theodore, the younger son of Br. and Sr. Smith, who they now wish to send to Nazareth Hall, has been so irregular in his attendance at our Male Academy that he is far from being unable to benefit from going to school here. —The P.A.C. could not agree to state that *our* ministers

had the *right* to insist upon an education for their children at Nazareth Hall prior to their completing the course in our local institution. Particularly under the present straitened circumstances of our Sustentation we cannot increase the outlays.

6. Br. Grunert wishes to send his son Francis to college in Bethlehem for one year at first, he is prepared to pay from his own resources the costs which the Sustentation would have for him during this period. —Should it then be seen that he is an individual qualified to receive further training for church service, he would join the other young students on equal footing. —The P.A.C. gave its approval.

7. As to Mt. Bethel, no other course is open than to carry out the proposal made in our last session, unless Br. and Sr. Smith were to receive an appointment elsewhere.

8. It would then be the proper time to ordain the Brn. Ben. Leinbach and Lichtenthaler as presbyters; this could best be done around September 16.

9. A letter from Br. E. Reichel, dated May 28, reports that Br. Sam. Wied has found another position. Therefore, Br. Schweinitz will write to the U.A.C. asking whether they could let us have some other suitable brother.

10. The annual account of the Girls' Boarding School was submitted. It showed a surplus of \$6,349.36. This was allocated as follows: Wach. Sustentation, \$3,000; Anna and Emma Mack, \$347.69; loss in Vogler and Co., \$1,147.26; reserve for dubious debts, \$354.41; repairs, \$1,000; furniture, \$500.

11. Finally we discussed the likelihood of a request being made for Br. Oerter [by the Pennsylvania P.A.C.] because of the changes brought about by Br. Bigler's home going. —In such a case we would be agreeable, provided we were given a suitable brother to replace him.

*Aug. 5.*

2. The Financial Board has met to consider Br. and Sr. Ben. Leinbach's prospective moving to Bethabara. A committee consisting of the Brn. John Siewers and H. Fries will go there with the treasurer to see what preparations are necessary. The moving will probably not take place before the end of October.

4. The P.A.C. ratified the election of the new committee at Bethania, namely, Wm. Stoltz, Jos. Transou, Oliver Lehman, John Kapp, Wm. Lehman, Junius Leinbach, and Carlos Conrad, with Levin Grabs as steward.

*Sept. 2.*

2. A letter was read from Br. Greider in which he states that for reasons of health he wishes to resign, effective next year. This obviously is premature, and he has already been relieved of Bethabara.

4. A letter was received from Br. Mack on August 10. —Sam. Smith is not an ordained minister, but wishes to be ordained and to receive a salary of \$300. —Br. Th. Rights will now be requested officially to express his opinion regarding this matter and, if possible, also the views of influential men belonging to the nation. —Br. Mack reports also that the mission school is to be conducted by Delilah Ward, since Freeman is leaving. She will receive only \$150.

5. The constantly decreasing contributions of the rural congregations towards the support of their ministers was again discussed; this imposes an almost intolerable burden on our Sustentation.

*Sept. 20.*

[1.] Br. Benj. Leinbach, who had been ordained a presbyter yesterday evening—as was Br. A. Lichtenhäuser—was present. Further discussion took place regarding his present position, and we stated the necessity of his acting in every respect as a home missionary when he would journey to and from Mt. Bethel and of his refraining completely from trading.

2. A letter was read from Br. E. Reichel, which had been received on the 16th. —[It contained] the proposal that Br. Bernhard Wurreschke, formerly employed in the West Indies, specifically in the educational department, be called as bookkeeper and teacher in the Girls' Boarding School in view of the U.M.D.'s. willingness to pay the travel expenses of his wife (because of the state of whose health they are in Germany at present) and of his children. —Sr. W. would be expected to conduct classes in French. —The P.A.C. desires only that, should Br. and Sr. W. not fit in here, the U.A.C. would keep them in mind for some other appointment in mission service. —Br. Schweinitz will arrange to have the call reach Br. Wurreschke through Br. E. Reichel.

*Oct. 7.*

1. Sarah Leinbach, the wife of Br. Junius Leinbach in the neighborhood of Bethania, desires to unite with that congregation, to which she had belonged as a child. —The P.A.C. gladly agreed.

2. A letter from Br. Th. Rights, dated September 16, contains the information that Rev. Mr. Ballentine, a Presbyterian, had been appointed to the position of principal of the Female Seminary. —In his opinion, Sam. Smith is not a person whom we should appoint as a minister. He wishes very much that a brother with higher education could be sent there. —As yet he had not obtained the views of other important persons regarding Smith, but he will send them.

*Nov. 4.*

1. Br. Th. Rights, under date of October 4, sends a letter from Br. Rufus Ross in which the latter strongly recommends the appointment of a Cherokee preacher, but states that in his view Sam. Smith would not be the right man for this. —Br. Rights would have good prospects of being chosen as principal of the Male Seminary should the election still be held during the Ross administration. He [Th. Rights] also writes, under date of October 22, that he plans to undertake a journey to reconnoiter the country west of Grand River.

2. In the newspapers there has recently been discussion of the remnants of the Cherokees in Haywood County, North Carolina; according to these reports they number about 1,100 souls. They are said to have neither ministers nor teachers at present. It would seem logical for us to undertake to care for them, should these reports be substantiated. —Even though it is relatively close, no connections exist with that part of our state. Nevertheless, we shall try to secure information.

*Dec. 2.*

3. The negro elder Lewis Hege has for months been prevented by sickness from earning his daily bread and has been assisted by friends. He having requested an advance of money, this will be made from the P.A.C. fund, so that should things come to the worst, it would not have to be repaid.

4. A letter from Br. E. Reichel, dated October 14, enclosed a letter from Br. Wurreschke, dated the 13th, in which the latter accepts the offer for him to become bookkeeper and teacher here. —Br. and Sr. W. expect to leave about the middle of November. —The proposal made by Br. Reichel, that should they sooner or later have to be pensioned, the U.M.D. would pay a double amount for each year which they had spent on the mission field as against each year of service in this province, seemed very fair. —Br. Schweinitz will inquire further what provision the mission makes for the children.

5. It has long been the desire of the U.V.C. to wind up the affairs of its administration in Wachovia. Since it is not possible to sell off all of the land at one time and convert the notes into cash, the most natural way in which to accomplish this would be to have the Wachovia Sustentation become the purchaser. To be sure it is too poor to make payment at once or within a short time. Indeed, it would be able to do this only if the U.V.C. would be ready to make considerable sacrifice to accomplish this purpose. —The P.A.C. is willing to take up this idea, which would then first have to be submitted to the Financial Board.

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[Extracts translated.]

*Feb. 3.*

2. A letter from Br. Thre. Rights, dated December 6, mentions that Mr. Thompson has been elected chief of the Cherokee nation. He is a Baptist preacher. —On the 17th a 2nd letter arrived from the same correspondent with the report of Wood Mount for 1875. In the course of the year several very indifferent members have been awakened to more activity. —The mission congregation has for the first time made a contribution towards the causes of the kingdom of God; the amount is \$30.00. Naturally it is their first duty to help support the costs of their own mission, and Br. R. will endeavor to explain this to them.

3. Br. Mack also has forwarded his report; it is not entirely clear, but there is an increase. A 2nd letter, dated January 15, reports that Sam. Smith has been received as a member of the church. Br. Mack makes use of this opportunity again to urge his appointment as a missionary assistant. It is remarkable that he says nothing about a change for the better in Smith, apparently because he believes we know nothing of his former manner of life. It will, therefore, be necessary to obtain direct information from Br. M. on this point.

4. Br. William Vogler, the pastor of the 4th Moravian Church in Philadelphia, applied on January 4 to Br. Schweinitz as the president of this conference to have us endorse his plans to erect a church there and to secure as much help as possible from

this district. We are indeed willing to help him, but without being able to raise his hopes too high.

*March 2.*

2. Br. Theode. Rights applies for permission to purchase for the mission certain implements needed in farming. —Since all of these are provided at N. Springplace and the outlay would not exceed \$26.00, it seemed advisable to grant the permission. However, Br. R. is to be notified at the same time that since the new salary arrangement went into effect, farming is left up to the missionary, and it is for him to decide how much or how little he does with regard to it. —The U.M.D. keeps the buildings in repair and leaves the rest to him.

3. We learned by reading a letter of Br. E. Reichel's, dated February 7, that the plan to have a member of the U.A.C. visit the American congregations will not be carried out this year. The information, contained in the same letter, regarding the sum paid by the U.M.D. for the children of missionaries, if applied without qualification to the children of Br. and Sr. Wurreschke, would raise his income far above that of the ministers who fill similar posts in Wachovia; this obviously we cannot permit. It was the understanding that his position should be the same as Br. Leinbach's or Br. Oerter's. —We shall have to discuss this matter with him.

4. The provincial synod of the Northern District of the American Province will convene in Nazareth on May 17. In view of all the circumstances, there seemed to be no object in our P.A.C.'s sending an advisory delegate to it.

*March 27.*

1. Br. Schweinitz has had an interview with Br. Wurreschke and the matter is settled. His children are to receive from the mission what the children of other ministers get from the Sustentation.

2. The special occasion for this session was a letter from Br. Thre. Rights, in which he reported that he had been called to become the superintendent of the Female Seminary to succeed Rev. Mr. Ballentine, who died recently. —The conference could not but regard this as providential for our mission. —Since a successor must be sent to fill Br. R's post so soon as possible, but we have no suitable brother in Wachovia, it was most natural for us to think of Br. Jos. Hillman, who, having served a number of years as home missionary in Iowa, paid a protracted visit last summer to his aunt, Sr. Rights, at Wood Mount

and appears to have fitted in well. —The first thing to do will be to make further inquiry from the P.A.C. in Bethlehem, since we know relatively little about him. He is in Easton, Pennsylvania, at present.

*April 6.*

1. A letter from Br. Robt. Schweinitz recommends Br. Hillman as the most suitable successor for Br. Rights at Wood Mount. Accordingly, Br. Schweinitz will issue a call to him to serve there.

2. The contributions in the rural congregations have increased this year over last to some extent, to a total of about \$475.

*May 4.*

3. Br. Rights has assumed charge of the Female Seminary. For the present he conducts the preaching services at Wood Mount on Sundays, but cannot conduct the services during the week or the preaching service in Tahlequah. —Since there is no church in Tahlequah, the removal of the Wood Mount church to Tahl. is desired in various quarters. —Br. Rights will gather the necessary information, particularly regarding the extent to which those interested are ready to help provide the expense.

5. In the negro congregation the jealousy which has existed for years between Alexr. Gates and Lewis Hege has come into the open again. It was proposed that an effort be made to restore love in the course of a meeting of the members of the congregation. (Gates later united with the Presbyterians.)

*June 2.*

1. Br. Hillman has accepted the call and intended to leave with his mother for the West towards the end of May.

2. A letter was read from Br. Robt. Schweinitz of Bethlehem, dated May 26. The northern P.A.C. has thought of Br. Grunert as the German language pastor in Bethlehem in connection with the changes which are taking place at present following the provincial synod that adjourned on May 26. It [the northern P.A.C.] inquires whether our P.A.C. would be agreeable to his receiving such a call. If so, they offer us one of the 2 brethren, Edward or William Reichel, in exchange. Our conference went on record as not wanting to oppose such a call, provided that the northern P.A.C. would not insist on offering us only one of the brethren thus named. —Furthermore, that there is no one in Wachovia at present who could well be entrusted with the

post of director of the Girls' Boarding School, and Br. Schweinitz therefore will propose Br. Herman Brickenstein in Litiz as our first choice, should this call reach Br. Grunert and be accepted by him.

*June 13.*

A letter from Br. Robert Schweinitz, dated the 6th of this month, had occasioned a conference at Kernersville, which now was resumed. He writes that Br. Brickenstein has been in Litiz for only about 3 years and therefore could not be called away, but that Br. William Reichel had filled the position there most competently until his family affairs had compelled him to resign. —Since Br. Schweinitz plans to leave for Pennsylvania tomorrow and thus will have an opportunity to discuss the whole matter thoroughly, the P.A.C. finally decided to accept Br. Reichel, should it become necessary to fill the post of the director of the Girls' Boarding School.

*Aug. 3.*

1. Following the reading of the minutes of June 13, it was noted that the negotiations regarding this whole matter had come to nothing.

2. A letter was read from Br. Hillman at Wood Mount, dated June 19. He has received a friendly welcome there and has begun his activity. His mother has accompanied him to take charge of his home. The mission will take care of her travel expenses.

Br. Thre. Rights wrote on June 14. He seems to like his position. —Regarding his position, which a letter received from Br. Reichel again discusses, it was noted that in view of his having accepted this appointment, the P.A.C. did indeed consider him as no longer being in the active service of the mission for the time being; nevertheless, it still considers him a member of any mission conference which might be held. —Our view was that by calling another brother there, we were able to strengthen the missionary personnel without any increased outlay. Further, since his present office cannot be considered a permanent one, Br. Rights, should he lose it without any fault of his own, will be entitled to all the rights of a minister; his children also will be considered as missionary children. —According to reports from private sources, a pleasing revival has taken place among the children in the Female Seminary. —As to the removal of the church from Wd. Mount to Tahlequah, only this can be said for the present: that it is unlikely due to the costs

and also because thereby the security of the farm might be endangered.

3. Sr. Krämer has given up her post as assistant teacher in the Male Academy. Should it prove necessary to fill this position again, Mr. Everett (Ebert) has applied for it. At one time he was a pupil in the former Salem Normal School, later a teacher in Macon, Georgia, and now he resides in Salem with his family. Young Robah Kerner was also mentioned as a person who would probably be suitable. (Later on the latter received the appointment.)

4. Sr. Smith at Friedberg, in her husband's illness, has again approached Br. Schweinitz requesting permission for them to send their second son, Theodor, to Nazareth Hall for a year. —This matter had to be postponed.

5. The annual report of the Girls' Boarding School was submitted. It shows a surplus of \$2,035.83, which was allocated as follows: To the Wachovia Sustentation, \$1,000; Anna Mack's account, \$329.06; the dubious debts account, \$706.77. It was also resolved to transfer to the dubious debts account the credit of \$1,000, which for years had been earmarked for the prospective telegraph company, since the railroad company now is installing a line. —The affairs of the Boarding School were discussed further.

#### *Sept. 7.*

2. The boy Theodore [sic] Smith is needed at home at this time. In reply to his father's inquiry, the P.A.C. has no objection to letting him have his grant for last year 6 or 12 months later.

3. Young Francis Grunert now is enrolled among the approved students. (See July 15, 1875, paragraph 7.)

4. A letter was read from Br. Hillman, dated August 16. It left the impression that he is in his right niche there. He has also found some Germans in the vicinity and conducted services for them at their request.

#### *Oct. 5.*

1. A letter from Br. Mack, dated September 1, reports that he has been seriously ill and that he no longer can stand, as in former years, the hardship necessarily connected with mission service. He therefore desires to be relieved of his office before too long. —A 2nd letter, dated September 26, reports that there is much sickness in the neighborhood, but that he himself is

better and can hold out until spring. He suggests as his successor at New Springplace Br. Sam. Smith, who has been mentioned repeatedly. This matter was tabled for the time being.

2. Br. Benj. Leinbach at Bethabara has notified us in writing of his desire not to be obliged to live there. —Because of his sons, for whom he cannot find a suitable place there, Br. Greider at Bethania has also expressed the wish to be permitted to move to Salem for a number of years and from here attend to any duties which might be assigned to him. —These wishes, though both are not without good grounds, cannot be granted without considerable difficulty, if at all. And although the P.A.C. is convinced that the other 2 brethren, D. Z. Smith and A. Lichtenthaler ought also to be moved, we could think of no scheme by which the present difficulties could be removed, even should Br. R. P. Leinbach reenter the pastorate, which also was considered. —Br. Lichten. also ought not to live in Salem, but among those in his charge, and Clemmonsville was suggested as a suitable place.

*Nov. 10.*

1. Following the reading of the minutes, Br. Schweinitz reported that Br. Lichten. was very reluctant to move from Salem into the country, as could have been expected. On the occasion of an official visit in Macedonia it transpired that that congregation is not at all satisfied with Br. L. —Particularly due to a misunderstanding regarding classes in singing, they had decided not to come to church on days when preaching services were held. This matter was settled. But then when the discussion turned to contributions for the support of their pastor, they stated that the congregation was unwilling to give anything so long as Br. L. remained their pastor. It will, therefore, be necessary to carry out a change of ministers at Macedonia. We did not see in this session, however, how this could be arranged.

2. Some of the reports which are read each month by the respective ministers in the Land Gem. Arbeiter Conf. are entirely inadequate and provide insufficient insight into the activity of the brother reporting, particularly concerning his pastoral ministry. Therefore, it will be recommended that the accounts be given in more detail.

3. A letter from Br. Hillman, dated October 10, indicated that the work around Wood Mount was progressing well. —Br. H. has held services also for certain Germans from Ohio who

live nearer the border in Arkansas and who formerly had belonged to us—particularly a Dean family; at their desire he will continue to do so.

The conference did not think that Br. Hillman, who has served the church for many years, had any claim to an outfit.—Should the U.M.D. be of a different opinion, we would have no objection.

4. Attendance at the Girls' Boarding School still is poor. Unhappily it shares this unfortunate condition with most schools of its kind.

*Dec. 7.*

1. A letter from Br. Mack, dated November 21, reports that much sickness is prevalent in the Cherokee nation.—Since a letter from Br. E. Reichel, dated October 23, concerns Br. Mack, it was communicated at this time.—We believe his [Mack's] resignation should be accepted. One difficulty in this connection is Br. M's undoubted intention of retiring there, which could create an unpleasant situation for his successor. Br. Reichel mentions Calendar Smyth of Philadelphia as a brother who has applied for mission service.—Br. Thre. Rights has not as yet replied to a letter in which he was requested to express his opinion regarding the Mack situation, and especially also regarding Sam. Smith. So for the time being we can do nothing in this matter.

2. Br. Greider has abandoned his idea of moving to Salem, something which the conference was glad to hear.

3. As to Macedonia, the conference could think of no way in which to help the situation.—A proposal to have Br. Lichtenhäuser exchange places with Br. Leinbach did not seem feasible.—Yet to let the committee at Macedonia know that we had not forgotten their situation, we resolved to inform them in writing that, though we do not know at present how to deal with this matter, the impending synod is to be convened so soon as possible, at which their petition must then also be dealt with.

4. Accordingly, we resolved to convene the provincial synod in April, as soon after Easter as possible.

5. Charity and Rhoda Fulk, William Fulk's daughters, wish to unit with the church at Philadelphia by confirmation.

6. Similarly, Bethenia Spach, who now is married to Br. John Shore at Bethabara, [wants] to be received there by transfer from the Methodists.—The conference gave its approval.

7. It has become known that Br. Benj. Leinbach, whom his wife assists when necessary, or for whom she acts as a substitute, has promised to conduct the neighboring public school this winter. —Since he has already begun to do this and Br. L. finds it hard to support his parents, we would not like to create any difficulties at this time.

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*Feb. 1.*

3. As soon as it can be done we shall recommend that the congregations introduce the new hymnal.

*March 1.*

3. The Act of Incorporation of the Board of Provincial Elders of our district, passed recently by the legislature of North Carolina, was read.

4. The conference approves a trial of home missionary activity in Winston. —There is a considerable number of residents of Salem and Winston who do not care to attend our church or those established in Winston, and many children are growing up without any Christian training.

*April 30.*

1. Br. Hillman reports, under date of April 14, that his arm is gradually improving [injured by his falling from a horse]. Friends in Tallequah [sic] have underwritten about \$200 of the cost of moving the church to that place from Wood Mount.

2. Br. Greider notifies us in a letter, dated April 10, that he has bought a house and some land at Bethania and wishes to retire as of November 1.

*May 10.*

In accordance with the constitution of the Wachovia Province, as amended by the provincial synod, which calls for the election

<sup>1</sup> The minutes of the Provinzial Aeltesten Conferenz continued to be kept in German until October 2, 1879. Since, however, Edward Rondthaler's *The Memorabilia of Fifty Years*, published by Edwards and Broughton Company at Raleigh in 1928, records the main events affecting the Moravian church in Wachovia during the years 1877 to 1927, only significant entries in the P.A.C. minutes for 1877 to 1879 have been translated and included in this current volume.

of all 3 members of the P.A.C. in future, the Brethren E. A. de Schweinitz, C. L. Rights, and E. P. Greider were on May 4 elected as members of the P.A.C. by a majority vote. That same day the organization meeting of the P.A.C. was held, Br. E. A. de Schweinitz being made president.

*June 7.*

1. The Bethlehem Society for Propagating the Gospel has contributed \$150 towards the removal of the Woodmount church.

6. The P.A.C. is unanimously of the opinion that a change is desirable in the office of the director of the S[alem] F[emale] Academy. Br. Grunert will have an interview with Br. de Schweinitz as soon as possible.

*July 5.*

2. Br. Grunert, the director of the S[alem] F[emale] A[cademy] submitted the annual reports and the balance sheet of the S.F.A. This year they show a considerable deficit of \$3,947.74, due to the very limited number of boarders during the year—only 40 to 50. We resolved to draw upon the reserve for the kitchen to meet the deficit. The whole establishment and also the number of teachers is maintained on entirely too large a scale for the present state of the school.

3. The letter received from the Pennsylvania P.A.C., dated June 9, was then taken up. The Pennsylvania P.A.C. refuses to be responsible for any part of Br. E. P. Greider's pension, since this would be contrary to the existing regulations. We consider this a special case. They further express their readiness to assist us in filling our vacancies in Wachovia, but also state positively that the cost of the travel involved must be borne by our Sustentation. Even though this demand appears to be justified, we are able to agree to it only with dissatisfaction, since it is entirely contrary to our usual custom. Following long deliberation, the P.A.C. resolved, if possible, to secure Br. Edw. Rondthaler as pastor of the Salem congregation.

4. Since Br. A. Lichtenhaeler has received the call to become the head teacher of the newly-established Salem Parochial School for boys, the P.A.C. considered it desirable to make the following changes in filling the vacancies thus created in our congregations: to call Br. D. Z. Smith from Friedberg as pastor of the New Philadelphia, Hope, and Bethabara congregations, his residence to be at Bethabara; and to have Br. J. B. Leinbach replace Br. Smith as pastor of Friedberg and Macedonia, Davie

County. Br. C. L. Rights is willing to take care of Eden, Friedberg's filial, from Friedland.

5. The 4 brethren, Byron Spach, John Clewell, George Bahnsen, and James Hall, who have just completed their academic careers in the theological seminary, are now here and wish to be as active as possible for the Lord. John Clewell has been appointed as assistant teacher in the Boys' School. The brethren Bahnsen and Spach will endeavor to develop home missionary activity in the vicinity of Salem and Winston. Br. Hall has offered to devote his efforts to the colored population. The 3 brethren begin their activity voluntarily and out of a sense of duty, without prospect of support for the present, since the means are lacking.

6. It should be added that as a result of the death of the Widowed Sr. Spach, the bequest in the amount of several thousand dollars made by her late husband to the Friedberg congregation will now accrue to it. According to the provisions of the will the interest is to be used for the support of the pastor and for the poor.

*Aug. 9.*

4. The accounts of the Wachovia Sustentation, as of May 31, show a deficit of a little over \$2,000. The contribution from the school this year was \$1,000. Next year there will be none, since the Boarding School itself has enough of a deficit.

*Sept. 6.*

1. According to the resolution of the provincial synod, the Financial Board has again set the salaries of those ministers who will have to receive partial support from the Sustentation Diaconie, even after the new provision of \$2.00 per capita dues from each communicant member shall have become effective, at \$450 per annum for the Brethren C. L. Rights, D. Z. Smith, and R. P. Leinbach. By means of the bequest from Benjn. Spach, which so soon as it is paid is to be invested at  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  in the Wachau Sust. Diaconie, the congregation at Friedberg will be able to support its pastor in future without help from the Wachau Sustentation. The lists of the communicant members, to be prepared by the pastors in cooperation with the committees, on the basis of which the \$2.00 per capita dues have to be calculated, must be submitted to the P.A.C. by November 30.

*Dec. 6.*

2. The brethren elected in Philadelphia were approved by the P.A.C.: Jas. Butner, as steward; John Butner, as Saaldiener; Jonathan Miller, Allen Crater, and Alex Mack, as committee members.

3. At Macedonia the following have applied to become communicant members of the congregation: 4 children who belong to the congregation and Henrietta Sheek, a married woman, wife of Br. Gilson Sheek; Rhoda Sheek, m. n. Beuchamp, a married woman, wife of Br. John Sheek; Isaac Green and Thom. Faircloth, for confirmation. The P.A.C. had no objection.

5. There still followed a discussion of the changes contemplated at the Boarding School. Br. Zorn wishes to employ a certain Prof. Agthe, of whose outstanding qualifications Br. Zorn is convinced, as professor of music at a salary of \$1,500 to replace the Brethren Edw. Leinbach and Alex Meinung, the current music teachers, whom he has given notice. He hopes thereby to raise the quality of music in the academy and in the Boarding School generally. He is thinking, in view of the reduced staff, of managing the domestic establishment, if possible, without filling the office of steward. The present steward is to remain in office until the end of March.

6. The transfer to the Wachovia Sustentation of our Unity land, which has been sold, and of the notes is to be completed by the end of the year, God willing.

7. Since Br. James Hall has been given an appointment as the third teacher in the Salem Parochial School for Boys, his support has been provided for in this way, and he can continue his labors among the colored folk in the congregation, the Sunday School, and the conducting of services. Br. Byron Spaugh, who has labored with success as a home missionary in West Winston, now has a Sunday School there of from 40 to 50 pupils, which he holds in the public schoolhouse. He also preaches alternately in Tice's Hall in Winston and in East Salem, where Br. Henry Fries the younger, together with Sr. White, has been in charge of the Sunday School since Br. Bahnsen's leaving for Germany. On Sunday, December 16, the chapel in East Salem is to be solemnly consecrated; it was built by means of voluntary contributions, but chiefly by the help of Dr. Schaffner.

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[*Extracts translated.*]

*Jan. 17.*

1. Prof. Agthe is to take up his duties [in the Girls' Boarding School] in February. His salary is set at \$1,500 without any additional benefits. In return he is to teach 35 piano students, conduct singing lessons, and also keep all the instruments in the Boarding School in order. At present there are 63 boarders in the Salem Fem. Acady. Not enough, however, to cover the outlays.

2. Since the Boarding School is not in a position to carry them, the P.A.C. decided, though very reluctantly, to charge the U.M.D. for the fees for missionaries' children, effective January, 1878.

*March 7.*

4. The present arrangement covering Friedberg's filial, Eden, is unsatisfactory, and either the pastor of Friedberg should also serve Eden or it should be separated from Friedberg. Since the time does not appear ripe for the latter measure, it seemed most advisable, in view of Br. Benjn. Leinbach's being able to serve Eden without difficulty, to have Br. Rights give up his responsibility for Eden. Accordingly, Br. Rights will announce this at Eden on Sunday, March 17, and put the new arrangement into effect.

*April 8.*

3. On the past Sunday at Friedberg the following persons were incorporated in the church by holy baptism: Thomas Dishier; James Perryman; Ellen Herman; Jane Spaugh, m. n. Faw; and by reception, Evander Fishel from the Methodist church. The rest, 18 in all, are children of the congregation.

*June 6.*

2. The new church at Macedonia has now reached completion, but since there still is a debt of \$100 on the church, the committee wishes to have its dedication postponed until means can be found to cover it.

*July 18.*

2. At her father's request Emma Greider was admitted as a member of the graduating class of the S.F.A. and her stay in the Boarding School extended by one year.

*Sept 5.*

1. The Friedberg congregation asks for permission to become incorporated by means of an "Act of Legislature." The "general act" covering "religious societies" seems quite sufficient for their purposes. The decision was postponed.

3. No decision was reached today on a request made by Br. Benjn. Leinbach, E. Hill, and Lorenzo Mendenhall, who are candidates for baptism, to vary the usual custom and have them be baptized by pouring while they kneel in the water.

*Nov. 7.*

Br. C. L. Rights was absent. An informal meeting. Letters were communicated from the Cherokee mission.

The purpose of this informal meeting was to give the director of the S.F.A. an opportunity to submit the account, which was long overdue. According to Br. Zorn's own presentation, the S.F.A. shows a deficit of more than \$5,000 in the annual account and has contracted a debt of more than \$6,000, of which amount more than \$4,000 involves interest-bearing capital.

The strictest economy must be introduced in every part of the Boarding School. Horses, etc., must be got rid of and nothing undertaken that is not absolutely essential. The director of the Boarding School has no authority to borrow or lend out funds without the approval of the trustees and should discuss all outlays of any considerable amount with the trustees in advance in so far as it is possible. The enrollment at the Boarding School at present is 54, plus about 62 day students. A debt of \$2,000 at 8% must be paid off without delay by the sale of a \$2,500 N.P. loan, [N.P. Railroad bond], which is above par. The \$500 must be used to cover current debts. In future the greatest caution must be exercised in regard to expenditures.

*Nov. 22.*

2. Since the P.A.C. has learned that the Widowed Sr. Frye is facing difficulty in securing food and since her son is a cripple, a grant of \$15.00 from the income of the Wachovia P.A.C. fund was made for her support.

3. As delegates to the General Synod the Brethren R. P. Leinbach and Edward Rondthaler were elected [by the Preparatory Provincial Synod].

*Dec. 5.*

2. In accordance with paragraph 3, page 99 of the *Results of the Synod* of 1869, a letter from the U.A.C., dated October

21, makes a claim upon our Sust. Diaconie for the pension of Sr. Mary Reichel, m. n. Van Calker, widow of the late Bishop Levin Th. Reichel. Since Br. Levin Th. Reichel had served scarcely 2 years in Wachovia and 20 years in the northern district, the Pennsylvania P.A.C. ought in all fairness share this burden with us. Accordingly, a claim has been forwarded to the Pennsylvania P.A.C.

3. Br. Oerter has received and accepted a call to be the editor of the *Moravian*, etc. He probably will not enter upon this office until about Easter.

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*Feb. 13.*

1. Br. Eugene Leibert, the treasurer of the Pennsylvania Sust. Diaconie, reports for the Pennsylvania P.A.C. that the latter is willing to become responsible for half of the pension of Sr. Mary Reichel, m. n. Van Calker.

3. The annual reports and accounts have been received from the Cherokee mission and also letters from Br. Rights and Hillman. Br. Rights is quite disheartened because of the unfaithfulness of Ph. Israel, the interpreter and national assistant, who has taken to drink again and is living in adultery with his brother's widow in Tahlequah, where he holds an office.

Regarding an exchange between the buggy and organ of Woodmount and Springplace, the brethren may do whatever suits them.

4. The financial condition of the Girls' Boarding School is still serious. To pay its debts the remaining N.P.R.R. bond of \$1,000 will have to be sold.

6. Br. Byron Spaugh was appointed home missionary at Mt. Bethel to succeed Br. R. P. Leinbach, since Br. Leinbach would prefer to serve the congregation [of Bethania] on a full-time basis after his return from Europe. Br. Spaugh either will live in Mt. Airy and carry on home mission work from there and preach in Mt. Airy regularly, if possible, or will continue his former activity in the vicinity of Salem, whenever he is not in the mountains. Br. Leinbach is to install him in Mt. Bethel the end of March. Br. James Hall, who has now worked faithfully

for 2 years among the colored people, was given a formal call to become the pastor of the colored congregation in Salem.

7. At Friedberg Benj. Hampton and the wife of Wm. Burk have united with the congregation.

*April 3.*

3. The P.A.C. approves the reception as members of the congregation at Bethania of Geo. Porter, Winfield Spainhour, and two children of Wm. Strupe; at Friedberg, of Henry Shoaf.

4. The P.A.C. confirmed the newly elected committee at Friedland, consisting of John L. S-, Wm. Weavel, and John McCuiston.

*Oct. 2.*

2. The director of the S.F.A. now submitted the annual account and balance sheet to the P.A.C. In contrast to the large deficit of 1878, the balance indicated a very welcome surplus of \$81.40. In connection with the review of the accounts, various desirable regulations were adopted for the future management of [the school's] internal and external affairs. The salaries of the teaching staff are also to be discussed and, if possible, reduced. The Financial Board is to meet on October 16. The pensions of the retired teachers must also be set again.

3. The newly-elected committee at Bethania was confirmed, consisting of the brethren Junius Leinbach, Elias Schaub, O. I. Lehman, Egbert Lehman, George Porter, Eug. Kapp, Thom. Lash, with Levin Grabs as steward. The wife of Theodore Knauss is to be received as a member of the congregation at Eden.

## GLOSSARY

**Acoluth:** A member of the Moravian church formally set apart for lifetime service within it, though without ordination. When necessary the acoluth is authorized to assist an ordained minister in distributing the elements at the Lord's Supper but not to administer the sacrament independently.

**Administrator:** The representative of the Unitäts Aeltesten Conferenz appointed to manage the property of the Unity in either the northern or southern district of the American Province.

**Aeltesten Conferenz** [abbreviations: A.C., A. Conf., Aelt. Cfz., Aetst. Confz.]: Literally, "The Conference of Elders." This board was charged specifically with the oversight of the spiritual affairs of a congregation or of a district. It also had responsibility to see that all other boards and officials within its jurisdiction functioned harmoniously. Prior to 1859 the congregation had no voice in determining the membership of this board, it being composed of church officials who served on it *ex officio* or others appointed to it.

**Arbeiter** [fem. Arbeiterin (n)]: Literally, "Worker(s)" or "Laborer(s)." These were individuals in full-time employment of the church, i.e., the ministers and their wives; the officials in charge of the spiritual life of the choirs; the wardens or business managers of the congregation or its choirs; the directors of the schools and their wives.

**Aufseher** [fem. Aufseherin (n)]: Literally, a "Supervisor."

**Aufseher Collegium** [plural "Collegia"; abbreviations: A. Coll., Aufs. Col., Collegium, Col., etc.]: Literally, "The Board of Supervisors." In Salem the board long retained its German title; in the other congregations the local "Committee" carried on its functions. It administered the material and financial interests of the congregation, aided in maintaining good morals within the community, acted as arbitrator in cases of dispute, had a part in approving applications for admission to the congregation, etc.

**August 13:** A memorable revival took place on August 13, 1727, in the parish church of Berthelsdorf, near Herrnhut. As a result, that day has often been called the "spiritual birth-

day" of the Moravian church or the renewed *Unitas Fratrum*.

**Chief Elder:** Prior to 1741 individual men held the office of "chief elder." They were charged especially with seeing to it that the church in all its activities would remain true to the will of Christ, its Head. On September 16, 1741, during a synodical conference at London, the leadership of the church became convinced that this office need no longer be filled by any of their number, but that Christ Himself would guide their fellowship as its "Chief Elder." This decision was made known to and accepted by each congregation in Europe on November 13, 1741. Since then Moravians have annually commemorated this day as the November Thirteenth Festival or the Festival of the Chief Elder.

**Chor:** Literally, "The Choir." This term signifies a segment within the congregation. To promote vital Christian growth and activity within it, most congregations were divided into the Choirs of Children, Little Boys, Little Girls, Older Boys, Older Girls, Single Brethren, Single Sisters, Married People, Widowers, and Widows. For many years the Single Brethren, the Single Sisters, and the Widows lived, labored, and worshiped together in close fellowship in their respective choir houses. —The word "choir," however, is also occasionally used in these records with the connotation which it usually carries.

**Chorsaal:** The chapel in a building occupied by one of the choirs.

**Cup of Covenant:** This is a rite by which individuals or groups who face some common task covenant with one another to carry it out faithfully. As a symbol of their dependence upon the Lord in doing so and also of their unity in His service, they drink from a common cup as they worship together. This rite is not used as a substitute for the Lord's Supper.

**Daily Texts:** A manual for daily devotions, which has been published annually by the Moravians since 1731. Since 1760 this booklet has contained two verses of Scripture for each day of the year. The first is called the "Watchword" and is drawn from the Old Testament by lot following prayer. The second is referred to as the "Doctrinal Text" and is selected from the New Testament to underscore or expand the

thought of the watchword. Moravians early came to believe that they could count on spiritual guidance for their conduct by reverent attention to the message of the "texts for the day."

**Diaconie or Diakonie:** Literally, "The Diacony." This term designated the financial organization of the church as a whole, or of a congregation or a choir, with special reference to any business carried on in their name.

**Diaspora:** Literally, "The Dispersed." In Europe this term designated a specialized type of Christian ministry among members of the state churches. In America it usually referred to those who were in close spiritual fellowship with the Moravian church and who often belonged to societies which it had organized, but who were not communicant or noncommunicant members of the congregations.

**Diener [fem. Dienerin(n)]:** Literally, "Servant(s)." In its broader sense this term was used to designate church officials, particularly the ordained ministry. In a restricted sense it referred to the laymen and women who served the lovefeast to those worshiping in this service. More correctly these latter individuals were called Saaldiener.

**Doctrinal Text:** See Daily Texts.

**Gemein Diaconie or Diakonie [abbreviations: Gem. Diakonie, Gem. Diaconie, Gem. Diac., etc.]:** Literally, "The Congregational Diacony." This term referred to the financial organization of a congregation, including the businesses which it operated.

**Gemeine [or Gemein in composite words]:** Literally, "Congregation." Moravians used the term to designate either their denomination as a whole or one of its congregations.

**Gemeinhelfer:** The pastor of the congregation, but not necessarily its stated preacher.

**Gemeinstunde:** Literally, "The Congregational Hour." This term designated a service which was intended to minister particularly to the spiritual needs of the members of the congregation, held as a rule on Sunday evening.

**Gemeinvorsteher [abbreviation: Gem. Vorsteher]:** Literally, "The Superintendent of the Congregation," i.e., its business manager or treasurer, or warden.

Home Going: Formerly the favorite Moravian phrase to designate the death of a Christian believer.

Hutberg: The name of a hill on the edge of the town of Herrnhut, and the site of the graveyard of that congregation. The term "Hutberg" was frequently used by Moravians in the eighteenth century to designate the graveyard or "God's Acre" in any of their settlements.

Land Gemeinen Arbeiter Conferenz or Land Arbeiter Konferenz or Conferenz [abbreviations: L. A. Cfz., Land Arbter. Confz., etc.]: Literally, "The Conference of the Ministers in Charge of Rural Congregations." This was a periodic gathering of the ministers who served congregations outside of Salem.

Lot: In the eighteenth century Moravians made very frequent use of the lot in an effort to determine the course of action which the Lord desired them to follow in any given instance. They attached particular importance to discovering this guidance because of their assurance that in the year 1741 Christ had made known to them His willingness to serve as the Chief Elder of their church fellowship.

Lovefeast: This service has come to represent the New Testament *Agape*. In the earliest years of the renewed Moravian church it was a social gathering, often of families or groups within the church fellowship rather than of the congregation itself. In time it became a service of the congregation or one of its choirs. During the singing of hymns the worshipers, as a family of believers, partake of simple food and drink, rendering thanks to God for all of His blessings which they share together. The lovefeast is not a substitute for the Lord's Supper, but is on occasion held in preparation for the sacrament.

Memorabilia: An annual review of the noteworthy events of the year, prepared by the pastor and read to the congregation during a service on New Year's Eve.

Missions Department: *See* Unitäts Missions Department.

Missions Diaconie: *See* Unitäts Missions Diaconie.

Musikalische Singstunde: *See* Singstunde.

Nach Communion: Literally, "The After Communion." A second celebration of the Lord's Supper held for the benefit of

members whose official or domestic duties had prevented them from attending the main service. The elements were not reconsecrated in the Nach Communion; at least such was the practice during the early years.

**Pa. Sustentations Diaconie** [abbreviation: Pa. Sust. Diac.] : The Pennsylvania Sustentations Diaconie. *See* Sustentations Diaconie.

**Passion Week**: The Moravian church generally uses this term for the days between Palm Sunday and Easter. In doing so it follows the original practice of nonconformist churches in Great Britain.

**Passion Week Manual**: A harmony of the accounts of the Passion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ as found in the four Gospels.

**Pfleger** [fem. Pflegerin(n)] : Literally, "One Who Fosters" (or "Those Who Foster"). This term was used for the pastors or the spiritual leaders of a choir.

**Provinzial Aeltesten Conferenz** [abbreviations: P.A.C., Prov. Aelt. Cfz.] : Literally, "The Provincial Elders' Conference." This has been the official title of the executive board of the Southern District (later Province) since 1858.

**Provinzial Helfer Conferenz** [abbreviations: P.H.C., Prov. H. Confz., Prov. Helf. Confz., etc.] : Literally, "The Provincial Helpers' Conference." This was the official title of the executive board of the Southern District of the American Province prior to 1858.

**Putz**: Literally, "The Adornment." The term is used by Moravians for the reproduction in miniature of the setting and the personalities referred to in the account of the nativity of our Lord. The Moravian church makes use of such representations to impress, particularly on young people, the story told by St. Luke and St. Matthew.

**S.F.A.** : Salem Female Academy.

**Saal**: Literally, "The Hall." The term designates the place in which the congregation or one of its choirs worshiped. Even after separate edifices were erected and set apart for worship alone, such a building would often be called the Saal. Originally Moravians intentionally distinguished their

meetinghouses by this name from the churches of the ecclesiastical bodies around them.

Sälchchen: Literally, "The Little Saal," or chapel.

Saaldiener [fem. Saaldienerin(n)]: *See* Diener.

Schwestern Pflegerin(n): The Pflegerinn in charge of the Sisters' Choir. *See* Pfleger.

Singstunde: Literally, "The Hour of Singing." This was a service in which the congregation united in singing a series of hymn stanzas. These had been carefully selected by the minister who conducted the service so as to develop some specific devotional theme. In a manner, therefore, the occasion resembled a sermon in song. Ordinarily no address would be delivered in it nor Scripture read, though the service would open with prayer. On special occasions a musical Singstunde would be held, one enriched by anthems and provided with orchestral accompaniment.

Sustentation: Monies disbursed by the church authorities to provide for provincial needs. Salaries of provincial officers were thus paid; grants were made to augment the salaries of ministers or other church officials in case the congregations or choirs should not be able to provide these in full; the pensions of retired church workers and the education of their children also came from these funds. Profits realized by the church businesses and the boarding schools represented the Sustentation's chief source of income over a long period of years.

Sustentations Diaconie [abbreviations: S.D., S. Diac., Sust. Diac., Sustent. Diac., etc.]: Literally, "The Sustentation Diacony." *See* Diaconie.

Thirteenth of August: *See* August 13.

Unitäts Aeltesten Conferenz [abbreviations: U.A.C., Unit. Aelt. Conference, also the initials U.E.C. for the English designation of the same body]: Literally, "The Unity's Elders' Conference." This was the name of the central executive board of the Moravian church, with its seat at Berthelsdorf near Herrnhut.

Unitäts Missions Department [abbreviations: U.M.D., U. M. Dep., Un. M. Dep., etc.]: A subdivision of the Unitäts Ael-

testen Conferenz charged with the administration of missions.

Unitäts Missions Diaconie [abbreviation: Un. M. Diac.]: The financial organization of the Moravian missionary enterprise.

Unitäts Vorsteher Collegium [abbreviation: U.V.C.]: Literally, "The Unity's Board of Wardens." This was that subdivision of the Unitäts Aeltesten Conferenz which was in charge of the financial concerns of the Unity.

Vorsteher [fem. Vorsteherin(n)]: Literally, "The Superintendent," i.e., the warden or business manager and treasurer of a congregation or a choir.

Wachau: Wachovia, the early designation of the area occupied by the Moravian church in North Carolina, and occasionally of the church organization within it.

Wachauer Administration: The agency in Wachovia which administered the property of the world-wide Moravian church (or Unity) in this area.

Wachauer Provinzial Helper Conferenz [abbreviation: P.H.C.]: See Provinzial Helper Conferenz.

Wachauische Sustentations Diaconie [abbreviations: W.S.D., Wa. S. D., Wa. S. Diac., Wa. Sust. Diac., Wachau Sustent. Diac., etc.]: The financial organization of the church in Wachovia. See Sustentation.

Watchword: See Daily Texts.

*Wöchentliche Nachrichten aus der U.A.C.:* Literally, "Weekly reports from the Unity's Elders' Conference." These reports were issued during general synods or at other times, when matters of major importance were being transacted.



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